





## William "Bill" Hardie Sr.

Bill was born on December 2nd, 1933 to James Jr. and Flora (Phillbrook) Hardie. He had three sisters, Lillian Peabody, Addie Mae Gove and Flossie Jean Welch.

Bill was a third generation fishermen who was born in Deer Isle and grew up on Indian Point Road. He also spent a lot of time on Bear Island where he lived with his grandfather. From the time he was little he loved any kind of fishing. He started fishing on his own at a very young age in a small boat with a few traps that he hauled by hand.

He served six years in the U.S. Army.

After the Army he married his wife, Laurice on September 13th, 1958. They were happily married for 52 years. They have four children; Lucy, James, William Jr., and Troy. They have many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill spent his whole life on the water fishing in the East Penobscot bay, where he was a successful fisherman, who passed his knowledge and love of fishing on to his children and grandchildren.

In addition to lobstering Bill also went shrimping and scalloping. He was a member of the Stonington Lobster CO-OP.

His first boat was the "L & J". He also had the "Big Jim" and the "Bits and Pieces". His last boat was the "Mermaid" which he fished right up until he became too ill to fish.

As much as Bill loved being on the water he also loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed dancing with his wife, where his nick name was "crazy legs". Bill loved to take Laurice to one of the Islands and go clamming. He enjoyed going on long car rides with his wife.

Bill was a great guy, who was always there to offer a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

After a long illness, Bill passed away on May 30th 2011 with his family by his side.

We are proud to induct William "Bill" Hardie Sr. into the 2013 Fishermen's Hall of Fame.

## Robert "Bob" Williams

Robert Williams was born on March 27th, 1937 to Francias and May Williams. He graduated Stonington High School in 1955 and started his fishing career right after graduating. At this time lobsters were only .30 cents a pound. He could have made more money clamming than fishing but continued to go lobstering as a sternman for Frank Libby.

Bob Williams is the father of six children; Jimmy, John, Shelia, Shelly, Serena and Sheri. He has seven grandchildren; Khristy, Michelle, Robbie, Mark, Christopher, Emily and James, and three great grandchildren; Michala, Rebecca and Samuel. His family is important to him, so important he named his boats after his children and grandchildren.

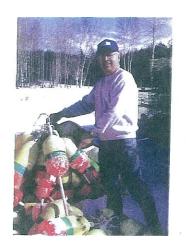
Bob's first boat was 26ft long and cost him \$1,000. Back then they used wooden buoys, usually made from cedar. In 1964 he had his first new boat built; he named her the F/V J&S after his children. He now lobsters from the F/V Jamie K, a Peter Kass design he had built in 1990. He has fished strong with this boat for 23 years.

Bob has attended every fisherman's meeting and served on many different committees. He has a very loud voice in the crowd to say the least. He has helped out our Island's fishing industry in many different ways.

All in all, Robert Williams, the salt of the water, has been an outstanding fisherman. He has a strong work ethic that outdoes most others. Best of all he is an amazing family man, always putting his family first. When asked about the fishing industry, Bob quotes "all these years and fishing is still a mystery."

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## **Barry Shepard**

When one hears the name Shepard on Deer Isle, it immediately conjures up salt water, sea breezes, and maritime occupations. It has been one of the Island names synonymous throughout the last 200 years with the ocean. Captains of ships, crews, gill netters, shrimpers, and lobstermen have proudly borne the name. Barry is no exception. Though he started out as a plumber, he quickly moved to gill netting with his brother, Ronnie, and after that worked care taking on Isle au Haut. In 1979, he started lobstering. With hard work and self-teaching, he became a successful fisherman in his own right. He is presently the captain of the Judith E. II, named after his wife.

He has always been willing to work for the betterment of the industry. He has served as Chair of the Zone C council and as the Zone C rep to the Lobster Advisory Council, which he believes is worthwhile for others to do as it gives a better understanding of the industry on a statewide basis. He volunteers to help the warden service if they need someone to go out with a fisherman, and also helped Penobscot East Resource Center in its study of the handling of lobsters last season.

Barry is level headed and doesn't give his opinion haphazardly. But, if he does, you better listen because he has thought it through.