

Robert Bruce Todd, Sr. - Obituary



NEW BOSTON, NH – Robert B. Todd, Sr., age 81, a retired land surveyor and professional forester and highly respected member of the community, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2021.

He was born on February 9, 1940, the son of late Laban P. Todd and Clara Todd. The Todd family goes back to one of the founding families of New Boston and Bob has lived at the Todd Homestead all his life. He received a B.S. in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire and Master's Degree in Resource Management and Administration from Antioch New England Graduate School.

Bob was the proprietor of a forestry and land survey consulting business, Todd Land Use Consultants for 45 years. He served many of the state's residents' land surveying, forestry and land management needs.

Bob was a member of the New Hampshire Land Surveyors Association (NHLSA), International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), and the New England Chapter, ISA. He served as President of NHLSA, National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), and New Hampshire Association of Wetland Scientists. He has been recognized by these organizations with the following awards: 1986, NHLSA Land Surveying Excellence Award; 1989, NSPS Surveying Excellence Award; 2004, NHLSA Literary Award. He was well respected throughout his career and his love for his work kept him going strong.

Bob served on several of Town of New Boston committees and was past President and founding member of the Piscataquog Watershed Association. Bob published several papers and publications, but was probably best known for his monthly column in the [New Boston Bulletin](#), which have been published in *"In the Country with Robert Todd, A New Boston Forester Reflects on History, Nature and Stonewalls"*, by the New Boston Historical Society, 2019. Bob also served

on the Town of New Boston Forestry Committee and was honored for his many years of selfless service by the dedication of a town forest in his name.

Bob had a passion for forestry and when he was not working, he enjoyed walking the countryside and midst the forest. When travelling, he would always ask “when are we getting out of the city and finding the trees?”

He is survived by his loving spouse of 28 years, Laura Todd; his sisters, Edith Jennings and Linda Young; his children and step-children, Stephanie Edwards and her partner, Lloyd Chipman, Robert B. Todd, Jr. and his wife, Wendy, Jacqueline Wilson and her husband, Gary, Jamie Decato, Christopher Decato, and Nicole Decato; and 14 grandchildren, Jessica Edwards, Brittany Kelly, Greg Wilson, Nathan Wilson, Aaron Todd, Tyler Wilson, Vanessa Edwards, Emily Wilson, Alex Decato, Theodore Decato, Victoria Decato, Oliver Decato, Lydia Decato, Rory Langlais and Ian James Langlais, Jr.; and one great grandchild, Landon James Kelly; and many other family members, friends and caregivers.

A celebration of Bob’s life will be held in the spring.