

OBITUARY

John Henry Kimball Jr.

LITTLETON — John Henry Kimball Jr., 98, a lifelong Littleton resident, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at his home.

He was born in Littleton on Jan. 7, 1906, the son of Nellie and John Henry Kimball. Mr. Kimball attended Littleton schools.

Mr. Kimball was employed by the town of Littleton on the Highway Department, retiring at the age of 70.

He was a lover of nature and an avid outdoorsman his entire life. He enjoyed hiking on Oak Hill, swimming in Long Lake, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, speed skating, and daily bike rides. He loved nothing better than riding his bike for 20 miles followed by a swim at the lake and continued this regimen into his 90s. Health and fitness were second nature to him long before it was fashionable.

Mr. Kimball was an

enthusiastic collector of just about anything and after retirement. He spent most weekends at flea markets, where he enjoyed swapping stories more than finding a bargain. He could tell of days and ways gone by and people he'd known over a lifetime. He would share a wealth of information about Littleton's past and its many colorful residents. He told of how he helped cut ice on Mill Pond long before refrigeration, of horses and farming and the details of a simpler time in our history.

Mr. Kimball is survived by his loving friend, Ernestine Tomao; two nephews, Richard Wile and his wife, Jackie, of Norfolk, and Drexey Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two grandnephews and a grandniece; a great-grandnephew and a great-grandniece.

A graveside memorial service will be announced for the near future.