



Raymond M. Cornish 87 of Littleton died at Emerson Hospital in Concord on February 13, 2013. He was born in Waltham on August 16, 1925 and grew up in Watertown in a house built by his mother Laura's father, Eli Geldard. His lifelong interests in Scouting and photography began in Watertown High School. After he graduated in 1943, he soon joined the [Army](#) Air Corps. After [WWII](#), he enrolled in U of Mass in Amherst and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. He was recalled into the Air Force during the [Korean conflict](#) in August 1950, and honorably discharged a year later. In September 1951, he began his 40 year career with Arthur D. Little research company in Cambridge as a chemist. After he received a certificate from Drexel Institute in 1962 for electron microscopy, he enjoyed working with photo micrography. As a result, family slide shows occasionally included the smallest beautiful crystal formations as well as panoramic scenes from his mountain hiking expeditions. Ray's favorite photography subject was the natural world, from the bee hives in his garden to black and white studies of winter frosted landscapes. He enjoyed many lasting friendships with co-workers. Among the many plaques thanking him for his service is one from the ADL Credit Union where he served on the board as chairman and President. On May 5, 1951 he married M. Christina Pierce from St. Stephen NB, Canada. In 1955 they moved with their daughter Sandy to Snow Village in Littleton. It has been a wonderful neighborhood with many lasting friendships. They chose the Congregational church as part of their family, and served together and individually at various times in almost every aspect of church life. Ray especially loved church music, and spent time and money to insure the organ would be preserved. Community service was as important to Ray as military service. Ray was an Eagle Scout and tried to live up to the Scout oath. He was an active Scout master many years before his son Ed (who also became an Eagle Scout) was born. Ray and Ed enjoyed many outdoor activities together with family and friends as well as Scouts. They also were members of the Appalachian Mountain club and received a certificate for climbing all the 4000 footers in NH..In August 2001 Ray and Ed also went on a special Club-sponsored hike

through Cornwall England, and took a side trip to visit the family church in Leeds. Ray became a 32nd degree Mason like his father. One of his last projects was a Masonic tutoring program. Ray was on the town Scholarship Board in addition to the other youth development programs he supported. Ray also helped his causes by serving as Church Treasurer, Commissioner of Trust Funds for the Town of Littleton, Board of Appeals, and of course, Conservation Commission. He is survived by his wife Christina, son Edward Raymond, both of Littleton, daughter Sandra (Cornish) Ward and her husband Paul D. Ward of Waltham, and sister Louise (Cornish) Creel of Tequesta, Florida. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Edward Pierce and his wife Virginia of Amherst MA, and sister-in-law Marion Pierce (of Canada) and many nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours were be held at the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St. Littleton on Wednesday Feb 20, from 4-7 with a Masonic Service held at 7 pm. Funeral Services were held at the Littleton Congregational Church, 330 King St. Littleton, MA on Thursday Feb 21 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the [charity of your choice](#) or the Littleton Congregational Church, Deacons Fund | Please see [www.badgerfuneral.com](http://www.badgerfuneral.com)

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