

Harold E. Lane 1953—1956 U. S. Marines

Harold E. Lane was born on January 15, 1932 to Harold H. Lane and Martha Will Lane. He was raised in Mechanicville/Hemstreet Park and attended Mechanicville Schools where he met his wife Eleanor. They were married on June 4, 1955. They had three children, Michael, Lisa and David. They moved to Halfmoon in 1960 and lived there for 42 years.

Harold joined the Marines in 1953. He served for three years as a Communication Specialist. He was promoted to Sergeant prior to his honorable discharge. Harold started basic training in Paris Island with assignments at Camp Lejeune, Camp Cherry Point and Camp Pendleton. He spent a year at the Imperial Japan Army Barracks overlooking Mt. Fuji with practice landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Following Japan, Harold was stationed stateside at Cherry Point and Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico.

Following his military service Harold and Ellie bought land on the north end of Route 236 where they built their home by hand, with no mortgage. In 1965 Harold built and installed an in ground pool that was enjoyed by friends and family. An avid woodworker Harold built a truck camper in his basement for family enjoyment, summer camping and fishing in the Adirondacks. He continued that trend by building a beautiful log cabin in Pottersville where he and Eleanor retired to in 2002.

Harold had a distinguished service of 38 years with General Electric Silicones in Waterford. At GE he utilized his HVCC Associates Engineering degree as a chemical technician maintaining the plants distillation columns.