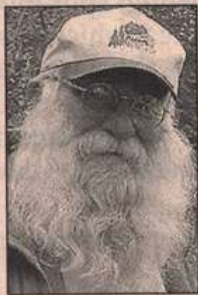


Richard B. Stevens

ELLISBURG — A memorial service for Richard B. Stevens, 58, Route 193, president of O.D. Greene Ace Hardware in Adams and Sackets Harbor, will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Manor House in Pierrepont Manor.

Mr. Stevens died Saturday evening at his home, where he had been under the care of Hospice of Jefferson County. He had been ill with cancer. Calling hours will be from 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Manor House.



Stevens

Arrangements are with Carpenter-Stoodley Funeral Home, Belleville.

He purchased the O.D. Greene Lumber Co. in Adams with partner David J. Vorce in 1976. The business, established in 1868 in Adams Center, was moved to the old Wheeler Planing Mill and Blind Factory at 14 S. Park St., Adams, in 1904.

His plan was to again make the business water-powered and make millwork. The Park Street structure burned down in 1991 and a new facility was built on Route 11 in Adams. O.D. Greene became an Ace Hardware store in 1980, and Mr. Stevens opened the Sackets Harbor location in 1988. The company grew from three employees to more than 50 in the two stores.

He received the eastern division Ace Store of the Year Award, the Ace President's Cup and numerous other recognitions, and was the recipient of a Small Business Administration award.

He served on the boards of directors of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), the Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council Inc., Oswego County Mutual Insurance Co., North Counties Supply and the area Ace Hardware dealer group. He was a past commodore of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club and was a life-long summer resident of Henderson Harbor.

Mr. Stevens was a train buff and traveled around the country and in Canada to ride on and see trains. He was known for portraying Santa Claus the past 10 years in the Adams Christmas parade and volunteered as Santa on the Adirondack Railroad Polar Express out of Utica.

Born Feb. 13, 1948, in Watertown, the only child of Homer "Speedy" and Mildred Cottet Stevens, he graduated from Watertown High School in 1966, attended Jefferson Community College, Watertown, and Syracuse University, received a bachelor's degree in geography from Oswego State Teachers College in 1970 and did graduate work at Binghamton State University.

He married Sarah J. "Sally" Wodell on June 1, 1968, at the Ellisburg Methodist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Reynolds officiating.

Surviving besides his wife are two daughters and a son-in-law, Elizabeth Stevens-Nafai and Said Nafai, Worcester, Mass., and Allison Booth Stevens, Syracuse, a granddaughter, an aunt and a cousin.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Jefferson County, local fire departments, or the Northern New York Community Foundation.