



**BERTRAND "TOBY" SPRAGUE**  
**July 20, 2013**

**BRATTLEBORO** Bertrand C. "Toby" Sprague passed away at Vernon Green on July 20, 2013 from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

He was born on Nov. 12, 1938 in Boston, MA to Isaac and Elizabeth Clarke Sprague.

Toby and his former wife Teresa Canillas Sprague, raised their three children Laura, Molly, and John. He is survived by his wife Nancy C. Sprague, of Brattleboro.

He graduated from Saint Peter's School in Peekskill, NY, the University of New Hampshire in 1961 where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and Idaho State University with a Masters in Physical Education.

Toby was certified by Federale Nationale du Ski as a Ski Jumping Judge. He took part in the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid, NY, the 1984 Olympics in Albertville, France and Harris Hill in Brattleboro.

He worked at Pennington School in Pennington, NJ; Idaho State University in Pocatello, ID; Riverside Junior High School in Springfield, VT; Brattleboro Town Schools as a Physical Education Director; and at Vermont Academy in Saxton's River as a math and science teacher and the head football and ski jumping coach. He owned and ran Toby's Tavern in Putney for five years.

Toby liked to work with wood, building additions to his homes, dog sleds, and Adirondack chairs. He thoroughly enjoyed his national and international travels. He enjoyed all kinds of music. He even played his mandolin with The Stockwell Brothers on his fiftieth birthday. He was a member of Saint Michael's Episcopal Church in Brattleboro.

He is survived by his sister Elizabeth Putnam, of Dayville, CT; his daughters Laura (Bob) Herrin of Claremont, NH and Molly (Jim) Kurent of Burlington; a son John (Sara) Sprague of Hollywood, CA; a stepson, Tad Pritchard of Flagstaff, AZ; and three grandchildren, Emma, Asa, and Lyric.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Vernon Academy Scholarship Fund.