



**G. Gardiner MacLeay, Jr.**

**1926 – 2009**

The annual report of the Town of Plainfield for 2009 is dedicated to the memory of G. Gardiner MacLeay, Jr., store owner, public servant, and lover of family and community. Gardiner and Kay owned and ran MacLeay's General Store in Meriden from 1949 until 1975. His 33 years of public service included the U.S. Air Force in Germany following World War II and the United States Postal Service as clerk and then Postmaster in Meriden for 23 years. He retired from the USPS in 1985. He was a member of the NH League of Postmasters where he served as President and National Northeast Regional Coordinator.

Gardiner was a charter member of the Meriden Volunteer Fire Department where he served in several capacities including as Chief. He was President of the Meriden Fire Association and a NH Fire Warden for over 30 years. He was a charter and life member of the Plainfield Historical Society; a member of the Board of Directors of the Meriden Telephone Company; and an over 50-year member of the Meriden Grange. He was a former President of the Mill Cemetery Association in Meriden and was on the Restoration Committee for the Plainfield and Meriden Town Halls. He and Kay were instrumental in having the Meriden Town Hall placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Gardiner is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. He loved being with his family and attending as many family sporting events as possible.