



KENNEBUNK FIRE AND RESCUE

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF
LINWOOD "TUG" NEDEAU

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF L.O.D. DEATH
(Line of duty death)
1974 - 2024



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Assistant Chief KFR, Linwood J. "Tug" Nedeau, died in the Line of Duty on October 16, 1974 at the age of 49 years old. Chief Nedeau was driving his truck back to the fire station to grab the 10,000-gallon Fire Department Tanker to respond to a fire in West Kennebunk when he died. Chief Nedeau suffered a fatal heart attack while driving and after sideswiping a few cars came to a rest against a building on Main St. Kennebunk Rescue rushed him to the Webber Hospital in Biddeford where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The fire destroyed the attached barn of the former Arthur Stevens place on Whitten Road and damaged the el of the homestead itself. (YCCS, 1974)



VICTIM'S TRUCK is seen after it careened off the road and came to a stop against a building on Kennebunk's Main Street. The operator, identified as Linwood "Tug" Nedeau, died shortly after from a reported heart attack. He traveled some 350 feet from where he was first stricken, when he hit a pick-up truck, sideswiped other

cars, ran across the Paul Wormwood filling station yard, knocking down an ornamental light pole and hitting a car parked in the area, coming to rest against a building. The Rescue Unit rushed him to the Webber Hospital in Biddeford where he was dead on arrival.

Stevens Photo

K'Bunk Man Dies Tragic Accident

Linwood J. "Tug" Nedeau, 49, of Grove street in Kennebunk, died as he had lived—doing his best to serve his community and his neighbors.

He was identified as the operator of a pick-up truck that left Main street in Kennebunk and came to rest against a building after moving some 350 feet.

Nedeau reportedly suffered a fatal heart seizure while en route to the fire

station to pick up the 10,000 gallon tanker to be used on the fire that destroyed the barn of the former Arthur Stevens place on Whitten road and damaged an el of the homestead itself.

Fire Chief Lewis Burr said that Nedeau was one of the first at the fire, had called for additional help, had told the dispatcher via radio he, Nedeau, was going for the tanker.

A long-line truck driver, Nedeau was the principal driver of the big tractor-tanker.

One of the best known men in the community, Nedeau had been active in a wide range of affairs, from athletics to local and area politics. He has been especially active in the fire department, which he joined in 1946, and of which he had been an officer for many years.

As a member of the department he had become skilled as a trained ambulance attendant, was an instructor in extrication and casualty handling, and had been active in county and state firefighting organizations.

Nedeau was a member of Local 340, Brotherhood of Teamsters, of York Lodge 22, AF & AM, and was a Marine veteran of World War II. He had been employed for the past 18 months by the Roadway Express Company of Portland, and by the former Atlas Transportation Company of Cambridge, Mass., and Kennebunk prior to that.

Besides his wife, Charlotte Swett Nedeau, he is survived by a son, Mark, four daughters, Linda J. of Portland, Judith A., Mary L., and Deborah J., all of Kennebunk, two brothers, Lloyd G. and Lawrence E., both of Kennebunk, three sisters, Mrs. Clayton (Alma) Johnson of Cape Porpoise, Mrs. Helen Bennett, and Ruth M. Nedeau, both of Kennebunk; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held from the Christ Church in Kennebunk at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon with the Rev. Lamar Robinson and the Rev. Fred Holmberg officiating. Brother firemen served as pall bearers.

Interment was in Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk.



Order of Service

Opening Bagpipes Dave Maclean, Piper
"Minstrel Boy" and "Wearing of the Green"

Opening Prayer Chaplain Lambert

Reflections Chief Cooper

Description of the incident

Family

Tradition, passing on knowledge, training skills

The pillars of the community: shaping the fire department and the "rescue"

What has changed in KFR in 50 years

Invitation to Central Station after the ceremony

Reading written by Rev. Fred Holmberg, 1974

Chaplain Lambert

The Fireman's prayer

Kortney Nedeau

Words of Remembrance

Final Prayer

Chaplain Lambert

Tolling of the Bell 5-5-5

Closing Bag Pipes

"The Fallen"

Dave Maclean

Gathering for Refreshments at Central Station

