



Oscar Look Jr.

December 22, 1950 - July 10, 2014

SOUTH ADDISON - Oscar L. Look Jr., 63, died peacefully in his life-long home in South Addison, Maine as the sun set on Eastern Harbor, Thursday evening, July 10, 2014. All who knew Oscar would say "He was a friend to me." Oscar's presence as a proud lobster-fisherman and caring resident of South Addison was felt by all. His largesse as a man was capped by his undeniable spirit of generosity.

Oscar was born on December 22, 1950 in Bangor to Oscar Look, Sr. and Virginia Look. He was a loving and devoted son to his mother and father. He is predeceased by his father, Oscar Lowell Look, Sr. and nephew, Vance Emerald Caler. Oscar is survived by his mother, Virginia Mitchell Abbott Look of South Addison and Yarmouth, Maine and by his dear, loving and devoted daughter, Erin Look and her partner, John Hauck. He was a loyal and supportive brother to his siblings: brother, Robert Arthur Look, sisters, Jane Abbott Look and her daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Look, Sarah Elizabeth Look, Kathryn Grace Caler and her son, Christopher and his wife, Stephanie and their children Andrew and Addison, and daughter, Kristin and husband, Timothy Hernandez. Oscar leaves behind his loving woman friend, Elyse Beth Rudner of Hyde Park, VT and S. Addison and many other friends and extended family members

Oscar grew up in South Addison and attended graded school there. He attended Hebron Academy and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, where he majored in English. He returned to South Addison to reconnect with the land and seascape and enduring family history that was his passion. He pursued the work of lobster fishing and captained his boat South Wind out of Eastern Harbor. In his earlier fishing years, Oscar loved "chasing" tuna along the New England coast. He was outspoken about loving his work as a lobster fisherman every day. He had been out fishing the day he died and this is how he wanted his life to be. He was a mentor, friend and storyteller to many. Oscar was respected and admired by all who worked alongside him for his abilities to read the water and tend his gear. He maintained his own trap shop and was fastidious in his endeavor to understand the cycles of the fishing season. He proudly worked all year long running his partnership/business Marsh Cove Lobster Company. He lived to be on the water, to enjoy the spirit, risks, adventure and the toil of his chosen life's work.

When Oscar was not on his boat, his favored past time was to welcome friends, family, neighbors and adored pets into his home. Anyone who crossed the threshold of his entrance way would hear his thunderous "Come on in!" He loved to cook for people, play music "on the box", dance, talk and deliberate; his joyous laugh was infectious. His home was a cherished gathering place to discuss politics, business, and the goings on about town. Oscar's love for reading and writing were frequently shared by those around him. He was a wonderful storyteller and writer of prose and poetry. He could often be heard quoting great writers from memory and reading aloud. He often made a game of his literary knowledge and thrived on engaging others with his antics.

Oscar's service to community exemplified humility. He took the time to stop and listen and help others. He was the president of the East Side Cemetery Committee. He served as the one and only Eastern Harbor Harbor Master. It satisfied him to look out at the proud fleet of fishing boats, and the harbor in its tidiness. He served as Vice-Chair and Secretary for the area Lobster Zone Council. He served on the Addison Town Planning Board and was a leading initiator and board member for Friends of Nash Island Light. He was a supporter and friend to the EdGE Program of the Maine Sea Coast Mission and wholly believed in supporting the children of Washington County to become responsible citizens. One of Oscar's greatest wishes he vocalized was "that the youngsters will become involved and step up to take care of things around here."

A reflective memorial and community celebration of Oscar's life will take place on Sunday, July 20 at 1 p.m. at the D.W. Merritt School, 518 Indian River Road, Addison, Maine. In lieu of flowers Oscar asks you to support those people and organizations you love in his honor.