



Richard Woodling Cornell

October 17, 1951 - December 17, 2011

Richard Woodling Woodie Cornell, sweet brother to Delight Bruce Dobby, Elizabeth Gregory Wilkin, and Shelton David Wolfe, and kind uncle to Timothy, Emily, Ann, Joseph, Henry, Helen, Thomas, Laura and Robert, passed away unexpectedly on December 17, 2011. He was 60.

Mr. Cornell had retired with a disability from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronic Command in Ft. Monmouth, NJ in the fall of 1994.

Richard Woodling Cornell was born in Hartford, CT, on October 17, 1951, the oldest child and only son of Robert Witherspoon and Patricia Plummer Cornell. Woodie grew up in West Hartford, CT and graduated from The Taft School in 1969. He had a keen interest in marksmanship, and enjoyed archery and riflery growing up. He received his B.S. and M.S. in Chemical Engineering from Tufts University in 1973 and 1975, respectively. While at Tufts, Woodie enjoyed participating in the Riding Club. He won a number of ribbons in show competitions during this time.

After completing his education, Woodie worked for Hunt-Wesson, Inc. in Savannah, GA before moving to Ensign Bickford Industries, Inc. in Avon, CT and then the U.S. Army Communications-Electronic Command in Ft. Monmouth, NJ. Following his disability retirement in 1994, Woodie moved to Groton, CT, where he was a dedicated volunteer in Mystic Seaport's Research Department.

Woodie is survived by his three sisters and nine nieces and nephews. A gentle, loving man, pure and generous of spirit, he took time to appreciate life

in his own way and will be deeply missed by his family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 14th at 11:30am at Gross Memorial Chapel, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave. in Hartford. Donations may be made in Richard Woodling Cornell's memory to Mystic Seaport at 75 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com