
Ned was born in Bethel, Vermont on December 15, 1922, to Mary and John Noble. He had a lifelong interest in natural history and also a lifelong interest in sports. He enjoyed reading daily newspapers and later watching the news. While studying at Tufts University he was called to serve in the First Infantry Division ("The Big Red One") of the Army during World War II. He saw extensive combat and received two bronze stars for valor in the battlefield while fighting in the Ardennes and the Rhineland. He returned to Tufts after the war where he met his wife Polly. He then studied at the University of New Mexico and later received his PhD in Geology from the University of Wyoming. He worked in the Exploration Division of the Atomic Energy Commission on the Colorado Plateau and later in Argentina as a United Nations advisor to their uranium program. After working for the North Dakota Geological Survey, Ned went to work for the USGS in Reston, VA, and spent five years working in Pakistan on a USAID energy resource program for which he received the Meritorious Service Award in 1991.

A memorial service will be held in Reston, Virginia for Ned in the Spring and interment will be in the family cemetery in Bethel, Vermont. Memorial gifts may be made to any human rights or animal protection society in his name. To access an oral military history and interview, please visit adamsgreen.com for information.

Ned is survived by Polly, his wife of 64 years, sons Bill (Colorado) and Jonathan (Tucson), daughter Mary (San Antonio), and granddaughter Andrea Stuen (Idaho).

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