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Ocala, FL-Dawson Edgar Otis, 71, originally of Oakland, ME died in peace on August 1, 2020.

He was born in Waterville, ME on October 25, 1948 to Audrey Roberta (Poissonnier) Fisher and Vernon A. Otis. He grew up in Oakland and was a member of the Oakland Sidney United Methodist Church. Upon graduation from Williams High School in 1967, he attended the New England Institute of Funeral Service Education in Boston, MA where he achieved his education as a Funeral Director. Once returning to Maine, he married the love of his life Elaine Teel in 1970 at the Littlefield Baptist Church in Rockland, ME. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this April.

Dawson was a very active member of his community throughout his life and his achievements were many. He served as Captain of the Oakland Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for 15 years, where he enjoyed attending the annual fire conventions and muster events. He was one of the first EMT-Paramedics in the State of Maine, and volunteered as tutor and worked as an Emergency Medical Instructor at Kennebec Vocational School; worked on the team that authored the first EMT practical exams for the state of Maine; volunteered expertise to State of Maine to author the first Mass Casualty Handling Plan; a Red Cross CPR instructor for 15yrs; and served on the

Valley HazMat team. He had also been a Sunday school teacher, a Church trustee, chaired the Church building committee, and a member of the Oakland Lions Club. He was also a life member of the Waterville BPOE Elks #905. For over forty years Dawson was extremely active in Masonic organizations. He was a former member of the St. Omer Commandery of Waterville and St. John's Commandery of Bangor, where he served as Commander 2 years, and Recorder for 19 years. He was also a former member of the Katahdin College #187 of Bangor. He was a former Associate Grand Prelate and Assistant Grand Treasurer for the Grand Commandery of Maine; former member of Messalonskee Blue Lodge, Oakland, where he served as Chaplin and was a current member of Rural Lodge of Sidney. Dawson served as High Priest and Treasurer for Teconnet Royal Arch Chapter of Waterville; served as Treasurer and Worthy Patron for the Martha Washington OES Chapter, Waterville; he was the treasurer of Valley of Augusta Scottish Rites, Thrice Potent Master of the Kennebec Lodge of Perfection, Chairman Membership & Leadership Committee, Family Life Chairman and Investment Committee for a number of years. Dawson was also a member of the Anah Temple Shrine for over thirty years.

After being employed by W.H Wheeler and Son and Conley Funeral Homes, Dawson worked at Delta Ambulance for nineteen years, where he became Executive Director of the service. He also worked for Rust Engineering, and later Scott Paper Company in the safety department. He retired from the State of Maine Division of Support Enforcement and Recovery for DHHS. Dawson loved his work, and he cared deeply for all his friends he made along the way. Those who met Dawson, would be hard pressed to forget him. He was quick to tell you a story filled with humor and wit. He had many friends and was an outgoing, loving, and kind man. He was also a devoted family man who loved to go camping, spend summers on Salmon Lake, or just "go for a ride". Dawson was a wonderful husband, an amazing dad and loving Grampy. Surviving are his loving wife, Elaine; his daughter Andrea Seward and

husband, Timothy, and his son Christopher Otis and wife, Sara. The lights of his life were his grandchildren, Allison, Oliver and Samuel. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Lois Teel, and four nephews and their families.

He was pre-deceased by his father, Vernon A. Otis; mother, Audrey Roberta (Fisher) Poissonnier; step-father Albanie (Fisher) Poissonnier; and his brother, Vernon (Sonny) A. Otis.

There will be a memorial service that will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations be made to the Waterville Humane Society, www.HSWA.org/donate.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Worked with him and his brother Vernon.*

*Chief Jean Pouliot
Fairfield PD*

Jean Pouliot - September 26, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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“ *Dawson had such a zesty laugh! Great man to work with! Rest In Peace, Dear One!*

Joni Gatcombe, Waldoboro ME - August 07, 2020 at 06:06 PM

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“ *Our Condolences to Elaine and family. Dawson was a good man and will be missed.
Gerard and Brenda Poissonnier*

Gerard Poissonnier - August 06, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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“ *Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Time to rest.*

Polly Gosselin - August 04, 2020 at 11:22 AM