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LEFOREST B. DOUCETTE

LeForest B. Doucette died on December 3, 2008, at the age of 79, surrounded by his family.

Born Dec. 22, 1929, he was the son of Charleton H. and Ellen M. (Bryant) Doucette. Forest attended Rockport schools and proudly served his country by joining the U.S. Army in 1948. He served in the 3rd Infantry Division, the 11th Airborne Division and the all-American 82nd Airborne Division. He was honorably discharged in 1950 and was recalled in 1951 to train and lead troops of the 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean conflict.

On July 4, 1951, he married Faye Payson in Warren.

Forest returned to Rockport where he worked as a caretaker for D.D. Dodge and as a pressman at Lamb's Drycleaners in Rockland. In 1957 he joined the Camden Police Department where he founded the Rockport Police Department.

Forest served as a working police chief in Rockport for 32 years. During his tenure as chief, he attended law enforcement training programs at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy where he learned fingerprinting identification and took radar and several investigative courses. At the time of his retirement in 1996, Forest had expanded the Rockport Police Department from one full-time chief to three full-time patrolmen, a lieutenant and 12 reserve officers.

His memberships included the American Legion Post 30 in Camden for 45 years; St. Paul's Masonic Lodge for 40 years; a life member of the New England Police Chiefs; Maine Police Chiefs Association; former member of the Rockport Fire Department; the National Rifle Association; Sportsman's Alliance of Maine; the Owls Head Transportation Museum; and the Maine Association of Retirees.



Picture and story of the life of LeForest B. Doucette courtesy of Long Funeral Home and the Doucette family.