

## Don Holmes



Donald Stuart Holmes, 81, of Sedgwick, Maine, died on September 21, 2025, at Pen Bay Medical Center in Rockport surrounded by family, following a year-long battle with cancer.

Born on April 3, 1944, in Harrisburg, Pa., Don spent his early years in Atlanta, Ga. His family later moved to Duanesburg, N.Y., where he spent his teenage years.

Don graduated from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich., with a B.S. Degree in Biology/Biological Sciences. But it was his interest in the work of famed French oceanographer Jacques Cousteau that sent him south to the University of Miami School of Marine Sciences for an M.S. Degree in Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography. His professional career spanned nearly 50 years and included time with Stone & Webster Engineering as an aquatic ecologist; then with CH2M HILL as vice president and senior program manager; and finally, as senior program manager for Jacobs, one of the largest and most respected engineering companies in the world.

In 2002, Don and his wife, Lee, journeyed to Maine where they experienced a windjammer sail aboard the *Stephen Taber* and fell in love with the coast of Maine. They moved to Sedgwick where he continued to work from home, dedicating weekends to sailing their beloved *Orient Star*, kayaking on the Benjamin River and other outdoor activities, and playing euphonium with the town bands of Brooklin and Castine. This, along with a continuation of his work for Jacobs in Puerto Rico and extensive travel to the far corners of the world, filled his days.

Don was a devoted husband, loving parent and stepparent, cherished friend, and respected member of the community. In accordance with Don's wishes, a service will not be held. The family is planning a private celebration of life in the summer of 2026 when southwest winds blow and spinnakers fly.