

ALBANY - Adam R. Palmer, 87, of Teresian House, died there Saturday after a short illness. Born in Plattsburgh, Mr. Palmer moved to Whitehall at the age of six and attended the Whitehall school system. He graduated from Green Mountain Junior College, St. Lawrence University and Cornell Law School.

Mr. Palmer was first elected and first re-elected democratic Mayor in Tupper Lake and also served as village attorney and town attorney. He tried many lawsuits in the state supreme court, the county court and the court of appeals and argued appeals in the appellate division of the supreme court and federal courts. Mr. Palmer was a candidate for Supreme Court Justice, Fourth Judicial District in 1960.

He was a past director and part owner of Oval Wood Dish Inc. in Tupper Lake and served as a director of the chamber of commerce, the Ogdensburg Catholic Lawyers Guild, Mercy General Hospital in Tupper Lake and the Tupper Lake National Bank. He was chairman of the St. Alphonsus Church Parish Council, the 'Save Sunmount' Committee and the Mercy General Hospital financial drives.

Mr. Palmer was a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, post commander of the American Legion and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Franklin County. He also was a member of the Franklin County and New York State Bar Associations and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

Mr. Palmer served during World War II in the ordinance department in the Asia-Pacific area and was discharged as a captain in 1946. His wife of 50 years Madeline Scott Palmer, died in 1994. Survivors include two sons, William Palmer of Canandaigua and Lawrence Palmer of Binghamton; and three grandchildren.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Church Of the Immaculate Conception, Route 50, Glenville. Burial will be in St. Alphonsus cemetery, Tupper Lake, in the Spring. Calling hours will be 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Glenville Funeral Home, 9 Glenridge Rd, East Glenville and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Fortune-Keough-Rennell Funeral Home, 24 Cliff Ave., Tupper Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Healthcare Center, 114 Wawbeek Ave. Tupper Lake or the Teresian House Foundation, 200 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 12203.