

Albert O. Denton

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New Russia — Albert O. Denton, 86, of New Russia, died Saturday at the Elizabethtown Community Hospital.

He was born in New Russia, Sept. 23, 1914, the son of Albert and Jennie (Otis) Denton. Albert graduated from Elizabethtown High School and attended Albany Business College. Mr. Denton was a prominent businessman and was active in many community organizations. He was the founder and president of A.O. Denton Lumber Co. in New Russia, which he operated for 50 years. From 1936 to 1941, he owned and operated a food market in partnership with his brother, William D. Denton. They also built two business blocks in Elizabethtown, containing eight apartments and several commercial businesses.

He was a member of the Church of the Good Shepard Episcopal Church in Elizabethtown, a member and past Master of Adirondack Lodge 602 F&AM, past District Deputy for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Essex District, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite, a Shriner and member of the Oriental Temple, a charter member and past president of the Elizabethtown Kiwanis Club, a charter member of the Keeseville Elks Club, a member of the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Elizabethtown Fish & Game Club; a director of the Champlain National Bank for 34 years and a member of the Elizabethtown-Lewis School Board for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Therese (Germain) Denton; a nephew, Bill and Anne Marie Denton; and a niece, Cheryl Allen, all of Elizabethtown.

His first wife, Irene (Dickerson) Denton; son, Jack Denton; and a brother, William D. Denton, died earlier.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at W.M. Marvins Sons Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. A Masonic service will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepard in Elizabethtown. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Elizabethtown at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Church of the Good Shepard or to the Elizabethtown-Lewis Ambulance Squad.