



**MAURICE L. EMPLÉ**

**BANGOR** — Maurice L. Emple, 84, of Bangor, died Oct. 4, 1998, at the Maine Veterans Home after a long battle with cancer. He was born Sept. 4, 1914, the son of Abraham and Katie (Richardson) Emple.

He graduated from Bangor High School in 1933 and attended Husson College. He served his country in several capacities during and after World War II. He was a military policeman before serving with the 309th General Hospital on Tinian Island and after the war he served in Japan. He was a clothing salesman for A. Emple and Co. of Bangor and traveled throughout Maine. He was particularly fond of Aroos-

took and Washington Counties. His travels also brought him to New York, where he met Ruth Vener of Albany, N.Y. They married March 8, 1953, and had three children. In his early years, he was an accomplished amateur boxer, winning the state Golden Gloves title in two weight classes. He also played bassoon with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and the Bangor Band. He was a member of Congregation Beth Israel of Bangor and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In his golden years, he continued his love of walking. During his daily journeys, which sometimes covered five miles, he delighted in meeting new people and old friends. He also enjoyed writing poems and short sayings. He will be remembered for his smile, firm handshake and sense of humor.

In addition to his wife, Ruth, he is survived by his children, Sheila June Emple of Portland, Nancy Lois Emple and son-in-law, Joseph Bahr of Waterbury, Vt., and James Adam Emple of Bangor. He is also survived by a brother, Irving Emple of Bangor; and a sister, Jean Emple Chamoff of Bangor; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three brothers, Hyman, Herbert and Lawrence; and two sisters, Anne Emple Levine and Dorothy Emple Simonds.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Activities Fund of the Maine Veterans' Home, 44 Hogan Road, Bangor; or the Us Too Support Group for patients with prostate cancer, Webber Medical Building, 417 State St., Suite 20, Bangor. The funeral service will be conducted by Rabbi Bary Krieger at noon Wednesday, at the United Jewish Chapel, 118 Center St., Bangor. The family will hold a memorial observance from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Jean Emple Chamoff, 88 Leighton St., Bangor. A service of Brookings-Smith, Bangor.