Obituary for Roland A. J. Belanger from his family (wife Rachel and son Marc)

I'm Marc Belanger, son of Roland Belanger; long time DECcie. I'm writing to make you folks and your community aware of my father's passing. I've copied in the obit that was placed in several of the local papers. I'm pretty sure Dad started in the mill in 1969 or so and worked field service, software/hardware engineering and specifically worked on boot code for the PDP-10s (tape!) before eventually moving into high performance computing. I know he had survived the Compaq and subsequent HP mergers. I'm sure there are many people who would remember him and could help fill in any details. I work in IT and meet DECcies that knew him occasionally; less now than before, but I know they are still out there. Please let me know if you have any questions. Marc.Belanger@umassmemorial.org

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## Obituary for Roland A. J. Belanger – 5 December 2016

Roland A.J. Belanger Jr., 72 passed away Monday, December 5 at Marlborough Hospital after an illness.

He was born in Worcester and raised in Southbridge, the son of Roland and Irene (Mandeville) Belanger and had lived most of his life in Hudson.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, Rachel R. (Lavallee) Belanger; a son, Marc P. Belanger and his wife, Shannon of Groton; a daughter, Donna M. Tormey and her husband, John of Shirley; six grandchildren, Amanda, Morgan, Victoria, Eryn, Travis, and Daniel; and nieces and nephews.

Roland enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964 and served his country for six years before returning to school to continue his education. Roland starting his career at Digital Equipment Corporation and became a computer engineer before retiring in 2001. He was a member of the Stow Fire Department and Saint Isidore Church. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Edward F. McSweeney Assembly #400 of Westborough and past Grand Knight of the Maynard Knights of Columbus Council 2121.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, December 8, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Tighe Hamilton Funeral Home, 50 Central Street, Hudson. A Funeral Mass will be held from the funeral home on Friday, December 9, with a Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Saint Michael's Church, 21 Manning Street, Hudson. Burial will follow at Forestvale Cemetery in Hudson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 808, Hudson, MA 01749.

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