

Jeremy Charron's Flag Flies Again

On July 25, 2004, the Childs/Charron families saw the completion of a long awaited memorial to Jeremy Charron. Jeremy had vacationed at the family cottage on Peaks Island, Maine all his life. Every year, at the start of the summer season, he would place a small American flag on the rocks in front of the cottage. All summer the family would make sure that the flag kept flying, standing it back up if the wind blew it down. Eventually, it became the symbol of the family's being in residence as it were, of the joy of everyone being together, and of Jeremy's patriotic fervor.

When Jeremy was killed, Frank Childs, the twin brother of Jeremy's mother, told Fran and Bob Charron that when the construction of his cottage, next door to the family cottage, was completed that he and his wife Beth would put a flag pole between the two properties and that Jeremy's flag would fly again. That promise was kept.

With many of the family in attendance, Jeremy's father, Bob, raised the American and Marine Corps flags for the first time on the new, 25' lighted flag pole. When Bob raised the flags, there was very little wind, but all of a sudden a strong breeze blew in from the rocks where Jeremy used to place his flag. The flags flew stiffly and the family knew that Jeremy was with them at that moment. At the base of the flag pole is a memorial garden with a plaque that reads:

" In loving memory of Jeremy Charron,
1973 to 1997
Your island flag still flies"

As you approach the cottages, from any direction on the Island, the flags are visible day and night. If any of you find yourselves on Peaks Island, you are welcome to stop by 845 Seashore Avenue and visit this memorial spot. Someone once said that a person is never really gone as long as they live in memory. The presence of this flag will ensure that the memory of Jeremy will never be gone.



Family members waiting for the raising of the memorial flags



Raising the flags



Jeremy's father, hoisting the colors



What so proudly the wave!