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Northfield monument dedicated to Vermont's Gold Star Families

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NORTHFIELD, Vt. (WCAX) There's a new monument honoring Vermont's Gold Star Families.

The granite monument on the campus of Norwich University in Northfield was dedicated Friday afternoon. It was constructed with support from the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. Williams, a 95-year-old Medal of Honor recipient, has been working to erect Gold Star Family monuments around the country and in Washington.

Gold Star mother and Underhill resident Marilyn Frederick lost her son, Navy Lt. Benjamin Frederick in 2016. She says the monument symbolizes the support she has received.

"It's a great support because I think one of the things that you want as a family is for everyone to remember your lost one and you can't really go through something like this without the support of everyone," Frederick said.

"There should certainly be one that would honor the Gold Star Families of this country, who exist in almost every community of any size," Williams said.

A number of Gold Star Family members attended, along with Gov. Phil Scott and Vermont National Guard Adjutant Gen. Steven Cray.

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