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plays, short stories and children's books.

His first book of Poetry was entitled *Exiles and Marriages* published in 1955. Other titles include: *The Alligator Bride*, *The Town of Hill*, *Kicking*



Donald Hall (right) with Reverend Gail Kinney at a poetry reading event during the South Danbury Church Fair in 2016. The renowned poet passed away on June 23 at his home in Wilmot. Photo: Peter Michaud

*the Leaves*, and *White Apples and the Taste of Stone* to name a few. In 2015 Hall published a selection of his favorite works which was entitled *The Selected Poems of Donald Hall*.

One of his favorites works of Prose is *String Too Short to be Saved*, published in 1961. Others include: *Seasons at Eagle Pond*, *Life Work*, *The Best Day the Worst Day: Life with Jane Kenyon* and more recently, *Essays After Eighty*

published in 2014.

Not only was Hall a prolific writer, but he was able to write about a great variety of topics. He was a baseball fan and wrote about baseball and had articles published in *Sports Illustrated*.

With over 20 volumes of poetry to his credit, Hall was named the nation's 14th Poet Laureate in 2006. On making the appointment, Librarian of Congress, James H. Billington said, "Donald Hall is one of America's most distinctive and respected literary figures. For more than 50 years, he has written beautiful poetry on a wide variety of subjects that are often distinctly American and conveyed with passion."

In addition to the honor of being US Poet Laureate, Hall also won a National Book Critics Circle prize, membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and a National Medal of Arts, awarded by President Barack Obama. New Hampshire Gov. Steve Merrill named him a Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure.

Hall was a member of the South Danbury Church and would often read publicly at events such as the annual church fair.

In the last few years, Hall had been less active as his health began to fail. He was in hospice care at his home at the time of his passing. He leaves a great legacy to those who knew him and to all who enjoy his depictions of life and history with their good times and bad times.

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As a not-for-profit corporation, the Beacon has always depended on the generosity of the citizens of Andover to fill the gap between our operating costs and the amount raised from advertising and subscriptions.

The board of directors and the staff of the Beacon are actively striving to increase revenue from advertising and are now implementing "page sponsorship" opportunities as an additional revenue stream.

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