

# OBITUARIES

**TRACY CAMPBELL DICKSON III**, died at his home in New London, NH on January 23, 2019.

His genteel geniality, warmth, and kindness will be missed by all who were graced to know him.



Tracy was born on December 8, 1922 in Bridgeport, CT. to Tracy C. Dickson, Jr. and Elizabeth Morris Bassick. He was the first of their four children, and the last surviving child at his death.

Tracy attended Phillips Academy, and following graduation, Yale University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1944. He then joined the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines as a First Lieutenant artillery officer. Upon mustering out of the service in 1947 he returned to the family home in Bridgeport and began his long career as an engineer.

In 1952 he married Patricia Pingree Edwards, daughter of William K. and

Sarah Tillard Edwards. Together they had three children, Thomas Tracy, William Edwards and Sarah Tillard.

Tracy's varied career as an engineer took he and his family to Canada, Massachusetts, California, and Connecticut. He was proud to have worked on the Mercury space program in Huntsville, AL.

Upon his retirement from engineering, Tracy bought a hardware store in Brockton, MA and ran it with his son Tom for many years.

In the early 1990s, Pat and Tracy moved to New London, NH where they pursued interests in antique furniture restoration and trading, gardening, bee keeping, interior decoration and church activities. Tracy was an active man and enjoyed cross country and downhill skiing, tennis, hiking, fishing, canoeing and swimming.

The Dicksons enjoyed travel and socializing with family and friends, and loved to entertain both. His lively wife Pat made Tracy an engaging partner in the singing routines they'd sometimes heartily offer to intimates at reunions, parties, and gatherings where guileless gaiety is prized.

Tracy was a charitable man, giving his time to drive seniors younger than himself to appointments, donating to the Sierra Club, St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New London and many others.

Tracy is survived by sons, Tom Dickson and wife Janet Dickson

of Andover, NH; Bill Dickson and wife Mary Burger of Medford, NY; daughter, Sarah (Dickson) Higgins and husband Shawn Higgins of Kennebunkport, ME., beloved grandchildren Elizabeth Higgins, Austin Tracy Higgins, Lucian Dickson and Michael Eklund, as well as many nieces and nephews, their children, and many dear friends. He loved them all.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 9 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New London, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Andrews Church, P.O. Box 294, New London, NH 03257. His remains will be interred in the Spring at Mount Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport, CT beside his beloved wife Pat.

**RUTH E. KELLEY**, 75 of Andover, NH passed away at home after a long battle with cancer with her loving husband by her side.

Born September 6, 1943 Goffstown, NH to Orion and Marjorie Bills Patten. Ruth was a hairdresser before becoming a homemaker in Londonderry raising her 3 children; Arthur Edmiston III, Grafton, April Bradford (Ted), Ari-



zona, and Allen Edmiston (Cindy), Enfield. Ruth and her family moved to Enfield in 1985. Ruth worked for VNA in NH and VT for years as an LNA rehab assistant.

After retiring Ruth moved to Andover in 2003 and married Daniel Kelley. Her Stepchildren are Michael Kelley (Teresa), Ashland, Daniel T Kelley (Vicky), Sanbornton and Wendy Fifield (Peter) Franklin. Ruth enjoyed working in her flower garden, berry picking and canning fruits and vegetables. She thought the world of her yellow lab Daisy who loved her to pieces. Ruth has 14 grandchildren and 7 great grand children. She is survived by her husband Daniel, brother in law Robert Kelley, Franklin, brothers Carl Patten (Marlene), Enfield, Harold Patten, Hardwick VT, and Roland Patten (Marcia), Peterborough and sisters Shirley Patten Rafter, Peterborough and Eve Patten DeSousa (Canute), East Bridgewater MA.

There will be no funeral.

**GEORGE THOMAS UPTON**, died peacefully at his home at Oakley Place in Topeka,

Kansas at the age of 95 on February 4, 2019. He was born in Concord, NH on December 26, 1923, son of former U.S. Senator Robert Upton and Martha (Burroughs) Upton and graduated from Concord High School in 1942 and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1945.



In 1943, he enlisted in the Navy to complete his education under the Navy V-12 Program. He attended officer training school at Notre Dame following graduation from MIT. After commissioning as an ensign, he married Barbara Lois Sargent of Concord

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