

Obituary



Born: Saturday, August 11, 1923

Died: Saturday, May 3, 2014

Surrounded by his family, Donald Neal Lukens, age 90, of Cumberland, Maine, died peacefully on Saturday May 3rd at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, Maine. Mr. Lukens was born on August 11th, 1923 in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Mary E. Busser of Dennisport, MA and the late Alan R Lukens III of Newton Highlands, MA. He was the brother of the late Alan R Lukens IV, formally of Newtown, PA and his surviving brother, John P. Lukens, of South Yarmouth, MA.

Donald was raised in Belmont, MA and, following high school, attended Hebron Academy, in Hebron, ME. From there he matriculated to Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME where he graduated in 1946. Between matriculation and graduation he participated in the US Navy V12 Officer training program at Bates College in Lewiston, ME and then joined the Navy. During his time in the Navy, he served as Executive Officer on PT boat 586 and 584 and, when the second World War ended, as a watch officer of the USS Constitution. After graduating from Bowdoin with a degree in History, Donald attended Harvard Business School, graduating with a Master's degree in Business in the class of 1949.

He started his career as a salesman for his father's company, Lukens Laboratories in Newton Massachusetts, and later established his own business known as D.N. Lukens Chemical Company. Today, it continues to operate as a family-owned business located in Westborough, Massachusetts. He took great pride in his company and the achievements of his employees. He was a long time member of the Mason's at Norumbega Lodge, in Belmont Massachusetts, and was actively involved in Bowdoin and Harvard Business School alumni associations.

He had two former wives, the late Barbara F. (Atwood) Murphy formally of South Dennis, MA, and Elizabeth E. (Noonan) Lukens, of Newton, MA. He was the patriarch of an extended clan which includes: Dana Lukens and Felicia Sanchez of Cumberland, ME, Helen (Lukens)Mozzoni and Michael Mozzoni, of Bridgton, ME, Liza and Tim Rutherford of Chestnut Hill, MA, Laureen Prophett of Watertown, MA, Robert and Judy Wilkinson of Orleans, MA, Cheryl and Eric Ludwig of Medfield, MA, George Cummings and the late Cheryl Cummings, of Knoxville, Illinois, as well as Barbara and Brenda Wilkinson, now deceased. He has nine grandchildren whom remain his pride and joy and include William Rutherford of Madison, WI, Matthew Mozzoni of Fayetteville, AR, Loren Rutherford and his wife Lindsey Bowles Rutherford of Cuming, GA, Sarah and her husband

Service Summary

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Thu May 08, 2014

First Church in Belmont, Unitarian

404 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Ma 02478

Chrismane Candio of Somerville, MA, Dana Marie Mozzoni of Derry, NH, Nathaniel Lukens of South Portland, ME, Spencer Lukens of South Portland, ME, Henry Rutherford of Burlington, VT and Graham Rutherford of Chelsea, MI. He is also survived by three great grandchildren.

Mr. Lukens' was a good man who led a full life. To his family, he was affectionately known as the "Captain". He spent many years summering on Cape Cod and enjoyed sailing, clamming, gardening, and listening to music; particularly Big band and Jazz. He was an avid cook, known widely for his Portuguese Kale Soup and Blueberry Pies. He was also a great lover of History and studied it throughout his life.

Generous and gracious, he was known to all for his ability to find the right story, song or joke for every occasion. Considered a role model by so many, his kindness, wonderful sense of humor, and mischievous grin will be missed by all who knew him. When he died, Mr. Lukens was busy preparing for his 65th Harvard Business School Reunion. And though he'll miss it this year, his spirit will surely be in attendance for many years to come!

A funeral service will be held for Mr. Lukens at The First Church, 404 Concord Ave, Belmont, Massachusetts on Thursday, May 8th at 11:00 am. Burial will immediately follow at Newton Cemetery, 791 Walnut Street, Newton Centre, MA. Following the burial, a Gathering to celebrate Don's life will be held at The Harvard Club of Boston, 374 Commonwealth Ave, 2nd Floor Boston, MA, 617-536-1260. Family and friends are welcome.

For questions please contact Short, Williamson and Diamond, 52 Trapelo Road, Belmont, MA, 617-484-6900.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hebron Academy Annual Fund, PO Box 309, Hebron, ME, 04238, , The American Parkinsons Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305 or, The Gosnell Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Road, Scarborough, ME, 04074

Charitable donations may be made in Donald's memory to the following organization:

American Parkinson Disease Association

<http://www.apdama.org>

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