

## **Half Staff – William T. Crocker Sr.**

**May 22, 2005**

William Thomas Crocker Sr., 82, of Squam Road, Rockport, passed away May 22, 2005, at home. He was born November 27, 1922, in Akron, Ohio, and was married to the late Jo Anne Zimmerman Crocker for 54 years. Bill was a design engineer for Ace Rubber Co. of Akron for 35 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy aboard a P.T. boat during World War II in the Mediterranean and the Philippines. During his younger years, he played amateur baseball in Akron, Ohio, and was inducted into the Greater Akron Baseball Hall of Fame in 1985. He also enjoyed playing handball and was an excellent fisherman.

Throughout his life, he and his family vacationed on Cape Ann, and he eventually moved to Rockport after retirement. He was an accomplished craftsman and loved working in his workshop designing and making furniture, toys, bird and squirrel feeders and many other things for his family and friends. He was working on one of his highly detailed Motif No. 1 mailboxes at the time of his death.

He will be remembered for his kindness, humor, generosity and his love of life.

He treasured his family and always put their needs and happiness ahead of his own.

He is survived by a son, William T. Crocker Jr. and his wife, Robin, of Rockport; a daughter, Joel Crocker Munroe and her husband Skip, of Rockport; a daughter, Barbara Crocker and her partner, Martha Bryan, of Mill River; three grandchildren, Leah, Kimberly and Sam Crocker; and two sisters; Jane Senuta and Gertrude Snedden of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The family will hold a private service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cape Ann Animal Association, 260 Main St., Gloucester, MA 01930. Funeral arrangements are being conducted by the Burgess & Mackey Funeral Home, 201 Main St., Rockport.