

Half Staff – H. Lawrence Jodrey

June 22, 2004

ROCKPORT — The Honorable H. Lawrence Jodrey, 81, passed away peacefully at Addison Gilbert Hospital yesterday. Born in Rockport, he was the son of the late Harvey L. Jodrey and Addie L.C. Dodd Jodrey.

He graduated from Rockport High School and received his juris doctor degree from Northeastern University. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

At the time of his retirement he was serving as presiding justice of the District Court of Eastern Essex, where he had served for many years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 98 of Rockport, the Sandy Bay Yacht Club, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Massachusetts Judge's Conference, the Brookline Bird Club, a life patron of the Rockport Art Association, a sponsor of the Essex County Greenbelt Association, a life member of the Sandy Bay Historical Society, a member of Trustees of Reservations, a former trustee of Addison Gilbert Hospital, a former trustee of Cape Ann Savings Bank, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Rockport, a member of the Gloucester Elks Club, a member of the Cape Ann Historical Society, a former member and chairman of the Rockport School Committee, the former town attorney for Rockport, the former town moderator of Rockport and honorary retiree of the Rockport Police Department.

He is survived by friend and companion of nearly 50 years Gerald L. Soucy and his cousins Heidi Dallin and Joan Dallin, both of Gloucester.

Burial services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Essex County Greenbelt Association, 82 Eastern Ave., Essex, MA 01929 or to The Brookline Bird Club, c/o Linda Ferraresso, 24 Patten St. 2-8, Watertown, MA 02472. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Burgess & Mackey Funeral Home, 201 Main St., Rockport.