

Half Staff – Lawrence B. Harding

December 2, 2000

Lawrence B. Harding, 61, husband of Marion (Arnold) Harding, of 1 South St., Rockport, died on Saturday, Dec. 2, at his residence surrounded by his family after a battle with colon cancer. He was born in Gloucester on April 25, 1939, to the late Richard E. and Anne E. (Scott) Harding.

Mr. Harding was a graduate of Gloucester High School, Class of 1957, where he was a member of the celebrated 1956-57 football team that played in the Orange Bowl in Florida. He also played varsity basketball and baseball, was a second lieutenant in the GHS R.O.T.C. and was inducted into the Gloucester High School Hall of Fame.

Mr. Harding went on to graduate from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1962, where he was a member of the football team and the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

He began his career in business with EG&G, Inc. in Boston. He then was employed for many years at Instrumentation Laboratories, Inc. in Lexington. He later was employed as an independent consultant including working with the Raytheon Career Center. When he retired, he was vice-president of human resources at Visualization Technology, Inc. of Wilmington.

Mr. Harding had a zest for life, forging enduring friendships which sustained him and his family during difficult times.

He was a congregant of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Rockport and served as an usher and past member of the vestry.

He served on the Rockport School Committee from 1973 to 1976 and was a corporator of the Granite Savings Bank in Rockport. He was also a member of the Rockport Golf Club and the Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

He relished athletics and had a distinguished athletic career at Gloucester High School and at the University of Pennsylvania.

He especially enjoyed skiing with his family in Vermont. In later years he became an avid golfer, improving his game drastically this past summer.

Mr. Harding is survived by his wife, Marion (Arnold) Harding of Rockport; two daughters, Tamsen Harding Endicott and her husband, Dominic, of Rockport, and Elizabeth Harding Flanagan and her husband, Thomas, of Rockport; a son, David Bruce Harding of Gloucester; five grandchildren, Rebecca, Julia and Nicholas Endicott, and Sarah and Marion Flanagan, all of Rockport; a sister, Anne Harding Hull of Gloucester; a brother, Richard E. Harding and his wife, Doris, of Palm Harbor, Fla.; aunts, Mildred Harding Duwart of Beverly, Dorothy Harding Clarke and her husband Hugh, of Dover, NH; a brother-in-law, David Arnold and his wife, Barbara, of Rockport; a sister-in-law Evelyn F. Arnold of Rockport; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.