

Half Staff – Richard C. Hale

August 24, 1999

Richard C. Hale, 90, husband of Dora W. (Keirstead) Hale, of 3 Allen Ave., Rockport, died on Tuesday morning at the Addison Gilbert Hospital.

Mr. Hale was born in Rockport, on July 9, 1909, to the late Herbert W. and Bessie (Colburn) Hale.

Mr. Hale had attended Rockport schools. Mr. Hale had enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1929 at Straitsmouth Station and had served for 25 years, retiring in 1954 at the rank of Chief Boatswain Mate.

During his career in the Coast Guard, he had been stationed in Bedford, Salisbury, Plum Island and Dorchester Bay.

Following his career in the U.S. Coast Guard, Mr. Hale had owned and operated Wiberg and Hale, Painting Contractors. Mr. Hale had retired a second time in his early 70s (but was still climbing a ladder in his 80s to make a pine tree into a ladder). Mr. Hale was very active in the community and was associated with many organizations including being a longtime active member of the Rockport American Legion, charter member of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club, member of the Conservation Commission, had served with the Sea Scouts and had served as the treasurer for the Brookline Bird Club for 20 years. He was a member of the Thacher Island Association, the Mass. Audubon Society and the Hale Family Association of the Beverly Historical Society.

In addition to his wife Dora, to whom he was married for 69 years, he is survived by three sons, Richard C. Hale of Suisun City, Calif., W., Scott Hale of Glen, N.H. and Dann Hale of Banff, Scotland; his daughter, Geraldine Wescott of Williamsport, Pa.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Mr. Hale was predeceased by his daughter, Jean Myers; a brother, Stanley Hale; and two sisters, Gertrude McKinnon and Sylvia Walker.