

Half Staff – Mace De Buy Wenniger

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GLOUCESTER: Mace de Buy Wenniger, 91, of Gloucester, died peacefully on Tuesday, November 17, at his home on Goose Cove. He was the loving husband of Mary Ann (Sigmund Miller) Wenniger for 52 years. Mace, born in Los Angeles, was a resident of Manchester-by-the-Sea for 44 years, where they raised a family of six children. Mace was the son of the late Willem F. Maillette de Buy Wenniger of the Netherlands and Wilda (Carpenter) Wenniger of California.

Mace graduated from the University of Chicago (MS, 1951, Urban Planning). His first wife, Margaret Hindman, died in 1961. Mace and his children came to Boston, where he

worked as Director of Zoning, Boston Redevelopment Authority. In 1971, he and his wife started Wenniger Graphics in Rockport, Mass. This grew into two other galleries, one in Boston for 19 years, and Provincetown, Mass., for eight years.

Mace was a trained watercolorist, draftsman, and sculptor in Europe. As artistic partners, Mace and Mary Ann would inspire one another to create and work at their favorite mediums and then share their expertise and love of art with others in their three galleries. They published four books together and another is forthcoming.

Beyond all of his professional and artistic accomplishments, Mace will be best remembered for his role as husband and father. He took on both roles with great love and devotion, all the while instilling a deep sense of creativity in all of life.

In addition to his wife, Mary Ann, he is survived by Ian de Buy Wenniger and his wife, Alexandra of Topsfield; Nina Fabiszewski and her husband, Lester of Virginia Beach; Anne Wenniger and her husband, Rik Ekstrom of New York; Susanna Wenniger and her husband, Rudd Kierstead also of New York; and Julia Wenniger of Tampa, Fla. Mace was predeceased by his son, David Maillette de Buy Wenniger. Mace is survived by ten grandchildren and his great-grandchild, Lucas.

Mace's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Anthony Chapel, 2 St. Louis Avenue, Gloucester on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 11 a.m. There will be a time of visitation on Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. For online condolences and register book, please visit www.pikenewhall.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Pike-Newhall Funeral Home, 61 Middle Street, Gloucester.