

Half Staff – Donald Thrasher

November 25, 2017



Donald D. Thrasher, 95, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 25, 2017, at Redington Memorial Home after a brief illness. Donald was born July 17, 1922, in Springfield, Mass., to the late Maurice M. and Ruth (Fiske) Thrasher, and was married for 50 amazing years to his wife, JoAnn. He grew up in Danvers, Mass., attending school there, before going to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, and serving in the U.S. Navy. He and his wife, JoAnn, made their home in Connecticut where they enjoyed golfing before moving to Rockport, Mass., in the early 1980s.

Don was a salesman in the building products industry by trade, and loved meeting people. His passion was music, and was a skilled clarinetist. His wife, JoAnn, shared the passion. Don was a member of the Masons, the Rockport, MA Rotary Club, and served on the board of the Cape Ann Symphony, as well as volunteering for the American Red Cross. Don loved jazz and playing his clarinet so much that he started up The Cape Ann Jazz Band in the late 1980s.

Don enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Maine, fishing, boating, being out on the water: fresh and salt, the outdoors, meeting and visiting with friends and family, playing his clarinet, listening to his music, and, like JoAnn, rooting for his teams — the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

Don predeceased his wife of 50 years, Jo Ann Thrasher of Rockport, Mass., by six days. He is survived by his daughter, Pam Kosloski and her husband, Jim, of Watertown, Conn.; his son, Scott Thrasher and his wife, Wendy, of Madison, Maine; and four grandchildren, Matthew and Melissa Kosloski of Watertown, Conn., and Benjamin and Abigail Thrasher of Madison, Maine.

In lieu of flowers, friends wishing may make donations in Donald's memory to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693.

Arrangements under the direction and care of Dan & Scott's Cremation & Funeral Service, 445 Waterville Road, Skowhegan, ME 04976