

Donald Hoxie Middleton

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Donald Hoxie Middleton NiskayunaDonald Hoxie Middleton passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Monday, January 16th. He was 89, a longtime resident of Schenectady and Niskayuna, except for eight years on Cape Cod.

Don and his wife, Anne, celebrated 67 years of marriage last October. During World War II, Don suspended college at Cornell to serve in the Army, teaching rifle marksmanship at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. After the war, he graduated from college and then worked at GE Schenectady for years. When he retired from GE, he sold boats and canoes at the Randall Boat Company and The Boat House, both in Rexford.

In addition to being a consummate gentleman with a great sense of humor, Don enjoyed a number of community activities and hobbies. He was very proud of his perfect 43-year attendance in Rotary. He was also assistant district commissioner for Cub Scouts in Schenectady for 11 years. His great love was boating, from teen years sailing on Long Island Sound to many years of sailing on Lake George. His musical favorite was all things Gilbert and Sullivan. He also loved his Cornell Class of 44 trips abroad. He had a lifelong fascination with railroads with an extensive model railroad in his basement for years.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Douglass Middleton; his daughter, Laurie Bohlke (Bill Bohlke) and his two sons, Michael Middleton (Mzia Chatara) and David Middleton (Claire Beck). He was predeceased by his son, Stephen Middleton. He was a loving grandfather to seven, Kristen Natelson, Kevin Bohlke, Eliso Chatara-Middleton, Lexi Chatara-Middleton, Tessa Chatara-Middleton, Sarah Middleton and Kelsey Middleton and a loving great-grandfather to two, Alex and Josh Natelson.

A memorial service will be held Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock at First Reformed Church, corner of North Church St. and Union St., Schenectady. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Rotary Foundation, Attention: Richard Ferro, 1034 Ardsley Road, Schenectady, NY 12308.

