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**Lawrence Crane M.D.(1915 - 2016)**



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SCARBOROUGH - Lawrence Crane, 101, passed away peacefully in his sleep Nov. 29, 2016, at Piper Shores where he resided for 15 years. In his last two years he was cared for by the loving staff of the Holbrook Center, for which the family is very grateful.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 59 years, Margaret Munder. Lawrence, better known as Larry, was born in Brighton, Mass., April 6, 1915, and soon after moved to Rockland. He was born with a club foot, which was surgically repaired and would lead him to his ultimate calling to be an orthopedic surgeon. Larry attended Rockland schools before finishing at Phillips Exeter Academy. He went on to Williams College and Columbia Medical School. After his residency, Larry served in the Pacific during

World War II. After the war, he started his practice in Portland and began raising his family of six children. During his many years as an orthopedic surgeon, Larry always was on the cutting edge of new technology and developments. He was one of the first in Maine to install an artificial hip replacement using Dr. Charnley's specified bone cement. He enjoyed sports medicine and became the Olympic physician in three winter Olympic Games.

Later, Larry became chief of orthopedics at Maine Medical Center. As his career progressed, he became interested in a new camera, later known as an arthroscope, developed by Masaki Watanabe, M.D., from Japan. Larry organized and conducted many workshops on the practices of arthroscopic treatments, and later became president of the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

Larry and Maggie loved their children and their outdoor and social activities. His favorite golf group, the "Fussy Foursome," was just one of them. The family loved sailing and boating and enjoyed many excursions in and around Casco and Penobscot Bays. Most of all, Larry loved working on various projects around the house. He was surely happiest when he was driving his Kubota around his property at Dean's Way in Cumberland Foreside.

He is survived by his six children, Nancy Crane; Martha Soule, and her husband, Andrew; Lawrence R. Crane; Julia Sterling, and her husband, James; Barbara Bennett, and her husband, Jon; and Charles Crane. He also is survived by his eight grandchildren, Catherine, Jonathan, Jennifer, Natalie, Alison, Stephanie, Erika, and Meg; eleven great-grandchildren; as well as a sister-in-law, Eudora Walker, and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was predeceased by two brothers, Kennedy Crane Jr. and Robert Crane.

Larry was beloved by his family and many others, and he will be missed.

A memorial service will be held at State Street Church UCC, 159 State St., Portland, Dec. 9 at noon. Private interment will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Funeral Alternatives.

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