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B. Gordon Dickey moved on to his greater reward on June 11, 2018. A fourth generation Washingtonian on his mother's side, Mr. Dickey was born in Dayton, Ohio on September 3, 1922. While studying at Williams College, he volunteered for two tours in the American Field Service during WWII and served in France, Italy, Beirut, Syria and Egypt, where he drove an ambulance and was cited for a British Empire Medal. After graduation from George Washington University he spent the next 35 years employed at the Washington Gas Light Company as a numbers analyst. Mr. Dickey was a gentle soul, writer, bibliophile, music-lover, linguist and deep thinker. He was a member The University Club, The City Tavern, and The Cosmos Club, but the most important legacy he leaves is his love for animals. His membership in PETA, The Humane Society, Best Friends, North Shore Animal League, The Nashville Zoo and The Friends of the National Zoo in Washington, illustrate his lifelong commitment to saving or improving the lives of animals.

Left behind to celebrate his life are his children, Patricia Lynn Paterson (Phillip), Lelia Sinclair Baldassari, Lu Gordon, Laura Gardner (Thomas) and Douglas Gordon Dickey; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Russell Dickey, III; many nieces and nephews, and ex-wives, Frances Gilsey, Peggy Nalle and Lucy Baker, the mother of his children. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lelia Sinclair Gordon and Robert Russell Dickey; wives Joyce Nebbeker Moyle and Frances West Brown; stepfathers, Albert Lucas and Newbold Noyes; beloved brother and sister, Peter Montague Dickey and Lelia Dickey Crossfield, and most recently daughter, Joyce Marie McLamara (Michael).

A graveside service is planned for 12 noon on June 23 at the family's Wakefield Manor Farm in Huntly, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Washington Cathedral, The National Zoo or the Nashville Zoo.

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