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**Henry Needham Flynt Jr. (1922 - 2015)**

August 12, 1922 – July 11, 2015

I, the deceased, wrote this – so please bear with me.

Henry N. Flynt, Jr. died quietly, but reluctantly on July 11 in Williamstown, MA. He had suffered from chronic fatigue since the winter of 2002.

Hank was born 12 August, 1922 in Brooklyn, NY, because his parents, Henry Needham and Helen Geier Flynt, lived there. Moving to Connecticut at age seven to seek a better life, he then attended Deerfield Academy, followed by Williams College in the Class of 1944. Enlisting in the Army during World War II, he saw endless cadre duty, then a year in the Philippines as a staff sergeant with the incomparable Combat Engineers. On discharge Hank worked a year at Deerfield Academy, trying to repay Headmaster Frank Boyden for "all the important values he instilled in me as a below-average student."

Mary Elizabeth Ames of Northampton, MA, graciously accepted Hank as her husband at a ceremony in September 1950 at the Brick Church in Deerfield. Together they then bore Juliet (1951), William (1953), Robert (1956), and Cynthia (1959), to be followed generationally by grandchildren Clark (aka Molly) and Emma Flynt, and Sophie and Malcolm Kriegel. Mary died on January 20, 2014.

In 1950 Williams College employed Hank as Director of Financial Aid, a position which grew into many other areas of college administration and to the title of Associate Dean of graduate fellowships, academic prizes, summer adviser, Officer Candidate Programs consultant and Freshman Soccer coach (57-41-11). From 1975 to 2009 he was manager of the Williams Octet Alumni for their annual concerts. From 1986 to 1991 he was a less than benign "czar" of the Faculty Club Bowling League.

In Williamstown, Hank attended the First Congregational Church, serving at times as Clerk, Deacon, Trustee, and Moderator (nine years). A member of Rotary International since 1953, he also worked 15 years as a Trustee at Pine Cobble School, four years as Chairman. He served two years as President of the Community Chest, Director of the National Bank, and served on the boards of House of Local History, Rural Lands Foundation, Williamstown Theatre Festival (1961 to 2008), and the Historic Commission. He was also a member of the 1753 Bicentennial Committee and co-chair of the 1765 Bicentennial Committee, and construction foreman of the 1753 House in Field Park.

Out-of-town, Hank served the North Adams Draft Board (chair in 1972), the HELPLINE Board for 21 years, trustee of Historic Deerfield from 1952 to now (Chair for 17 years).

Changing gears, Hank commuted to work by bicycle for 38 years, played squash and tennis, hiked, cross-country skied – all with quiet vengeance. Hobbies included motion and still photography, lawn mowing, and puttering.

His awards include Scarborough Community Service (1992), Community Chest Good Citizen (with Mary, 1998), Bicentennial Medal (Williams College, 1999), Honorary Doctor of Humanities (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, 2001), and the Hayden Award (with Mary, 2001).

Hank's children and Paula Wells, Suzanne Flynt, Jeff McMahon and David Kriegel would like to thank AtHome TLC (especially Chelsea Gancarz and Stephen Michalenko), Win Stuebner, MD, and Bernadette Kozik of Berkshire VNA and Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of Williamstown, MA, 01267, or Historic Deerfield, Inc., Box 321, Deerfield, MA, 01342.

A memorial service will be held Monday, August 3, at 11:00 at the First Congregational Church, Williamstown, followed by a reception. For further information, please visit [www.flyntdagnolifuneralhomes.com](http://www.flyntdagnolifuneralhomes.com)

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