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New Paltz - New Paltz - Arthur Barnett McComb, 93, died peacefully on March 10, 2017, at Woodland Pond in New Paltz, New York.

He was born in San Diego, California, on March 26, 1923, to Grace Stewart Ewing McComb and Millington Barnett McComb.

The family moved to Hawaii when Arthur's father was named Commander, Naval Air Station Ford Island at Pearl Harbor. After Lt. Cmdr. McComb was killed in an airplane accident, the family moved to New Jersey to live with relatives. When Arthur's mother got a job in Washington D.C., she moved her family to Maryland, and hired Hazel P. Martin as their housekeeper. So began Arthur's lifelong devotion to this wonderful woman they all called "Mar."

The family eventually settled in New York State when Arthur's mother married William W. Smith II of Poughkeepsie. Arthur always felt blessed and proud to have two fine men as fathers.

He graduated from Krieger School in Poughkeepsie, Phillips Academy Andover, and Williams College; served as a lieutenant j.g. in the U.S. Navy during WWII; was employed at Smith Brothers Cough Drops where he became Treasurer; and then became an independent financial advisor.

On September 5, 1946, Arthur married Ruth Lawrence McComb of Poughkeepsie. He was a kind and loving husband and father.

He volunteered with many community organizations, including the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club, the First Presbyterian Church of Poughkeepsie, the YMCA, and YMCA Camp Segowea. He was a man of many interests who loved trains and enjoyed playing bridge, hiking, canoeing, reading and singing.

Arthur was predeceased by his son David William McComb; and his brothers Peter and Donald McComb.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Ruth Lawrence McComb; daughter Jean Lawrence McComb Brannigan and her fiancé Manuel Salazar; daughter-in-law Meredith McComb; sister Janet Daniel and her husband Thomas; brother-in-law Clinton Edward Lawrence and his wife Millicent; and all the nieces and nephews who happily call him "Uncle Bar."

Arthur chose to make an anatomical gift to Albany Medical College.

A memorial service will be held on May 6, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Reformed Church of New Paltz, 92 Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY.

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