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**Gilbert L. Morse III(1917 - 2018)**

Gilbert Livingston Morse, III, 100, of Wolfeboro, NH passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at Wolfeboro Bay Center. Beloved husband for 62 years to the late (Libby) Katharine Elizabeth (Root) Morse, devoted father to Ruth Ann Morse and her husband Kurt Betchick of Hadley, MA, and John Gilbert Morse and his wife Elli Crocker Morse of Newton, MA. He was the proud grandfather of Alexander, Brittany, and Evan Morse and Rachel Betchick. Gil also leaves extended family members in California, Florida, New Mexico, and North Carolina as well as his cherished caregivers, Diane and Katrina, in Wolfeboro. The staff at Wolfeboro Bay were also important to him in the last two and a half years and the family is grateful to them. Gil was born December 8, 1917 in Franklin, NJ to Gilbert and Marion (Bottomley) Morse. He was a graduate of Montclair High School (1935), and Williams College (1939). Gilbert served in the U.S. Airforce as a second lieutenant from 1944-46 and as a first lieutenant and captain from 1948-53, serving his tour of duty in many locations including Guam, Detroit, and New York. He was a major in the Air Force Reserve following his active service and was a civilian employee at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA for the remainder of his career. Gil and Libby raised their family in Winchester before making their permanent home in Wolfeboro in 1975, where they were both active citizens of the town. Gil enjoyed home-cooked meals, tinkering on house projects, piloting his motorboat on Lake Winnepesaukee, and listening to swing music. He deeply appreciated old friends and family and lived a long, full, and honorable life in a quiet manner. Burial will be private.

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