

Richard C. "Dick" Whiting(1922 - 2015)

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HOLYOKE - Richard C. Whiting, 93, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, at his home.

He was born in Holyoke, the son of Mae Hortense Cooley and Philip Charles Whiting. He graduated from the Choate School and Williams College class of 1945. He served as junior officer on PT Boat 542, Squadron 37 in the Pacific during World War II, being stationed in Okinawa.

He was the former president of Whiting Oil Corp., founded by his great-grandfather, William Bailey Whiting, in 1870. He served as president of the New England Fuel Institute, Treasurer of the Holyoke Visiting Nurse Association, member and trustee of United Congregational Church for many years and president of the board of trustees of the Forestdale Cemetery Association.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, the former Betsy Mackintosh of Holyoke, and three children, Richard C. Whiting, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Florence, Ann Weed and her husband Frank of Jupiter, Florida, and Keren Whiting of Easthampton, New York. He was predeceased by three siblings, Mary Dodd of West Hartford, Connecticut; Phyllis Coombs of New London, New Hampshire, and Philip C. Whiting, Jr. of Holyoke. He leaves six grandchildren, Alex, Dylan and Sam Whiting and Sophie, Ana and Louisa Weed. He also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Michelle Ferron for the loving care she gave Dick this past year.

A public memorial service and celebration of Dick's life will be held Monday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m. in the Skinner Memorial Chapel at the United Congregational Church, 395 High St., Holyoke. The burial will be private in Forestdale Cemetery.

Please visit www.messierfuneralhome.com for more details.

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