

David Wentworth (1929 - 2014)

David F. Wentworth Holyoke - David Francis Wentworth, 85, died peacefully on October 1, 2014, at Hospice of the Fisher Home, in Amherst, MA. He was born on September 15, 1929, the son of the late Lyman Wentworth and the late Diana Hill Wentworth. Dave grew up in Holden, MA, where in first grade he met the love of his life and future wife, Mary Elizabeth Harrington. He earned a BS in Forestry from the University of Maine, an MS in Wood Technology from North Carolina State University and later an MBA from Western New England College.

Dave began his career with Monsanto as sales engineer and then served as a product manager at American Optical, president of Varilux Corporation/US, vice president of Springborn Consulting Company, and ran his own consulting business until retirement. At age 75, Dave became a substitute teacher and tutor in Granby and Holyoke schools, living his commitment to lifelong learning.

Dave enjoyed being active in the community in which he lived. He belonged to the Rotary Club and was a counselor for S.C.O.R.E. (Service Core of Retired Executives) where he ran business workshops and shared his knowledge and experience with new or prospective business owners. Dave and Mary shared their love of travel and adventure by taking bicycle trips with Elder Hostel throughout Europe over a period of ten years. They were life-long members of the Roman Catholic Church and their faith was an integral part of their lives. Into his 80's,

Dave enjoyed the outdoors, including logging, cutting wood, bicycling and swimming. Love of family, friends, classmates (from Holden High School class of '48, UMaine class of '52 and the "Simmons girls") and most recently his community at Providence Place, were dear to his heart and brought great joy to his life. Dave was a loving husband and father of 6 children and was blessed with 9 grandchildren, who were "the light of his life." He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Harrington Wentworth.

With great sorrow he was predeceased by his oldest son Paul David Wentworth (Sally Wentworth) of Woodstock, CT. He is also survived by 5 of his children; Carol Wentworth-Bete (Michael Bete) of Amherst, MA; Patrick Wentworth (Richard Opler) of Parker, CO; Lisa Wentworth (Gene Cassanelli) of Granby, MA; Diane Wentworth (Carol C. Wentworth) of Chapel Hill, NC, and Sara Bandoski (Norman Bandoski) of Hampden, MA.

Dave enjoyed sharing his life's knowledge with his grandchildren; Taylor, Alexander, Stephanie, Mary, David, Jacquelin, Steven, Laura, and Katie. David is also survived by his sister, Winifred Starbard (Kenneth Starbard) of Holden, MA and his many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by his brother Donald Wentworth (Eddie Wentworth) of Milton, FL and his sister Diana Wentworth of Vero Beach, FL. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA. Family and friends will be received from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Friday, October 17, at the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, followed by a funeral Mass at 11:00

a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 1945 Northampton St., Holyoke, MA. A private interment will be held the following day in Woodstock, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in Dave's memory to one of the following; Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.