

Joseph F. Anderson

March 11, 1921 – July 6, 2017

Joseph F. Anderson (Joe), formerly of New Canaan, CT, Clinton, NY, Dorset, VT, and Camden, SC, died peacefully in Redding, CT on Thursday, July 6, at the age of 96, following a vibrant life devoted to family, Hamilton College, and numerous other causes. Joe, the son of Anna V. Anderson and Ernest D. Anderson, was born in Buffalo, NY on March 11, 1921. Since 1948, he has been married to the love of his life, Molly Waters Anderson, also of Buffalo.

Joe attended Phillips Academy and graduated from Hamilton College, class of '44. Post Hamilton, Joe served in the United States Marine Corp before beginning two very successful careers. Joe first worked for the Dictaphone Corporation, where he rose to become an Executive Vice President of Advertising. During his tenure at Dictaphone, Joe and Molly settled in New Canaan, where he became a bedrock of the community for the 23 years they resided there. Among other achievements, Joe was a founder of The First Presbyterian Church, President of the New Canaan Winter Club, and a Town Councilman.

Simultaneously, Joe's involvement at Hamilton College grew, and in 1974 Joe officially became Hamilton's Vice President for Communications and Development. Joe retired from Hamilton in 1992, and, in addition to lending his expertise as a consultant, he continued to serve as a Life Trustee of the College.

In '92 Joe and Molly moved to their new home in Dorset, VT and seven years later purchased a second home in Camden, SC, where they split their time until moving to Meadow Ridge, a life care community in Redding, CT.

In Vermont, the Andersons were longtime members of Ekwanok Country Club, where Joe was a former President and an Honorary Member of the Bartlett Arkell Trust; he was also a member and former Director of the United States Seniors Golf Association.

In Camden, Joe and Molly were members of the Springdale Hall Club and Camden Country Club. Joe was also a Board Member of the Kershaw Health Foundation.

Beyond all of these achievements, the single most important thing in Joe's life was his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Molly, daughter, Missy Fallon, son, Rick Anderson, five grandchildren, and a great granddaughter, all of whom he was exceptionally proud of. Joe is also survived by his sister, Mrs. Charles W. Tracy, of Lake Worth, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Joe's memory be made to Hamilton College (*Office of Advancement, 198 College Hill Rd, Clinton, NY 13323*), and directed either to the Joseph F. Anderson '44 Internship Fund or to Hamilton College Athletic Facilities.