



Herbert S. Merritt

April 24, 1928 - August 18, 2013

Herbert S. Merritt, 85, of Valatie, passed away Sunday, August 18, 2013 at Barnwell Nursing and Rehab Center in Valatie.

Born April 24, 1928 in Keene, NH, he was the son of the late Morris and Fannie Merritt. He grew up in New Hampshire. Herb served in the US Army from 1949 to 1951 in Austria. He received his BS from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in Engineering and Math, and his Masters in School Administration. He taught high school math and later became a school administrator. Herb served as principal of Hudson High School from 1971-1991. He began his tenure at HHS the year the new high school opened.

Herb is predeceased by his adored wife, Katherine Merritt, to whom he was married 28 years.

He is survived by his loving stepdaughters, their husbands, and the many grandchildren to whom he was "Grandpa Herb": Kathy and Robin Steiner, and their daughters, Leigh (husband Feargal) and Allison, Mary Edith and Timothy Keeler, and their sons, Seth and Eric, Julia and Stephen Graziano, and their children, Elliott and MacKennan, Heather and Michael Schopp, and their children, Brooke (husband Andrew), Fred, Ben, Colleen Michael and Greyson, and Maureen and Gregg Kronau, and their daughters, Emily, Abigail, and Lillian. Herb is also survived by his brothers, Syd and Carl, and their wives.

Herb was active in the Masonic Lodge, served as the President of the Patroon Conference, and was active in the Hudson Kiwanis. Herb spent a year in Australia as an exchange educator. He enjoyed golf, travel to Australia, South America, and Japan, and cross country travel with his wife.

Services will be conducted at 11 am Wednesday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery in Valatie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HHS Dollars For Scholars, PO Box 1048, Hudson, NY, 12534. Special thanks to Dr. Brian Daggett for his exceptional care.

Tribute Wall

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“ Herbert always greeted us with a cheery Hello each Saturday AM when I would visit the facility with my Therapy Dog, Ruby. We will miss that visit.

Jeanne Trawinski

Jeanne Trawinski - August 29, 2013 at 05:45 AM

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“ I have happy memories of teaching at H.H.S. where Herb hired me in 1974. Herb's smile, followed by a quick witted remark and jovial laugh is how I will remember him.



Our sympathy to Herb's family for their loss. Maureen (Flipper) & Jack Beyer

Maureen Beyer - August 21, 2013 at 08:23 AM

FK

“ I was sorry to hear of Herb's passing. He was my friend and mentor; I learned much from him which helped me in my administrative career. I will miss him, but I'm glad that I got to see him the last time we were in the Valatie area.

My condolences to all who were touched by him.

Frank Keating

Frank Keating - August 20, 2013 at 09:15 AM