

OBITUARY

William "Bill" T. Harrison, 93, died peacefully from natural causes with his wife at his side on Friday, February 12, 2010 in Heath Village, Hackettstown, NJ. Bill, the son of Dr. William N. and Agnes Roden Harrison, was born on November 22, 1916 in Glen Ridge, NJ and was raised in Montclair, NJ. He graduated with honors from Swarthmore College in 1938 and with a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1946. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. In 1948, Bill married his former Montclair schoolmate, Ruth MacCubbin, with whom he enjoyed more than 61 years of devoted marriage. From 1948 to 2003, Bill and Ruth lived in Mountain Lakes, NJ where together they committed themselves to an extraordinary 110 collective years of community service which included volunteer work for countless committees and project commissions of a broad variety. Four times, they jointly received outstanding citizen or lifetime achievement awards in recognition of their unprecedented service to Mountain Lakes. When they moved to Heath Village in 2003, the Daily Record published a front page article entitled "Mr. & Mrs. Mountain Lakes - Pillars of Community Move On". Bill also was a leader in organizing boys' baseball leagues. During his professional career, he worked as an engineer for Wright Aeronautical Corporation and Reaction Motors, and as a technical editor for Bell Laboratories. Bill also enjoyed playing golf and bridge for much of his adult life. He is survived by his beloved wife Ruth; his brother Graham (Pete) and his wife Joanne of Fort Collins, CO; his son Bill and his wife Bonnie of Hackettstown; his son Sandy and his wife Pam of Ardmore, PA; his daughter Winnie and her husband Doug Slohm of Litchfield, CT; a special daughter Julia Grant of Rockaway, NJ; and six grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his brother Bob. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Church in Mountain Lakes, NJ.

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