

OBITUARY

H. Alan Painter

MENDHAM — H. Alan Painter, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 24, at his home.

Born April 10, 1911, in Flemington, he was a son of the late Howard and Eleanor Painter. He formerly resided in Hackettstown, then in Long Valley, before moving to Mendham in 1983.

He was a 1929 graduate of Flemington High School and a 1933 graduate of Middlebury College. He briefly attended Columbia Law School before joining the Hunterdon County Democrat as a reporter, most notably covering the Hauptmann trial in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, Flemington.

In 1942, he became publisher and editor of the Hackettstown Gazette, retiring in 1972 after selling the newspaper to the State Publishing Co. He then joined the United Way of Morris County as director of communications, a volunteer position he held until 1987.

He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Hackettstown.

He was a member and past president of the N.J. Press Association serving as president 1960-61; was a life member of the Long Valley Fire Department and an honorary member of the Long Valley Rescue Squad. He was an active volunteer with the Morristown Soup Kitchen, the Morris County Meals on Wheels, the Mendham Senior Citizens, and was a charter member of the Flemington Lions Club.

His wife, the former Olive Hunt, died in 1983.

He is survived by a son, Alan S. of Mendham; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Eucharist was held at the church. Burial was private in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Flemington. The Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, Flemington, was in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorials to Hospice of Somerset County, P.O. Box 478, Gladstone, N.J. 07934.

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