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Harry F. Sprong



Harry F. Sprong, 94, died Sunday at the Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley.

He was born in Nyack, N.Y., son of the late Charles H. and Marjorie (Finnegan) Sprong. He spent his early life and was educated in Greenwich, Conn.

Upon graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the Ordnance Dept. He also was a longtime member of the Army Reserve retiring as a Lt. Colonel.

For many years Mr. Sprong owned and operated the family business Peeco (Pump Equipment & Engineering Company) originating in Somerville and most recently in Hudson, until his retirement at age 87.

A resident of Littleton for 56 years he served on the Littleton Finance Committee and the Board of Appeals for 22 years, also serving as the chairman for several years. He also was a trustee of the Littleton Conservation Trust.

Mr. Sprong was a co-founder of the Nashoba Valley Bird Club which had grown to over 100 members. He and his wife were also longtime members of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Besides his avid bird watching he enjoyed sailing and racing with his wife Virginia on their 37' Tartan Sloop, visiting many harbors in Rhode Island, New York as well as their home port of Bass River in West Dennis and with members of the Blue Water Sailing Club. He was also a member of the Tahattawan Masonic Lodge AF&AM of Littleton.

He enjoyed working in his workshop, gardening and woodworking. He and his wife enjoyed the companionship of their many Irish Setters but most recently the setter "Jacana."

Harry F. Sprong is survived by his wife of 60 years, Virginia (Freethy) Sprong of Littleton and their Irish setter Jacana. At his request, no service will be held.

For those who wish, donations may be made in Mr. Sprong's memory to the Mass Audubon Society Headquarters, 208 South Great Rd., Lincoln, MA. 01773, Attn: Betsy Watson; the Congregational Church of Littleton, King St., Littleton, MA; the Littleton Conservation Trust, c/o Kathy Stevens, Treasurer, P.O. Box 594, Littleton, MA.01460 or to the Tahattawan Lodge AF&AM of Littleton, MA .01460