
Henry Napoleon Keroack

Mystic - Henry Napoleon Keroack, 93, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at Academy Point in Mystic.

He was born June 5, 1918, in Norwich, son of the late Dennis V. and Alida M. (Trudeau) Keroack. Mr. Keroack was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy, class of 1936. He lived in Norwich until 2005, after which he resided at Windham Falls, Groton, until moving to Academy Point in 2011.

First employed as a clerk for the United States Finishing Company in Greeneville, Mr. Keroack later worked in the offices of the Aspinook Corporation and later at Ashland Mill, both in Jewett City. In 1952, he was appointed the first purchasing agent under the city manager form of government established that year in Norwich. After several years in that position, he moved to the Norwich Dept. of Public Utilities as assistant office manager. In 1956, he obtained a position as accountant at the former construction firm of Alexander Schnip & Sons of Norwich, later known as the Schnip Building Co., retiring in 1981 as assistant treasurer.

As a young man, Henry played fiddle with a musical group called the Lonely Mountaineers, performing at various venues and on the local Norwich radio station. He had been an avid model railroader since 1936 and was a long-time member of several organizations of that hobby in southeastern Connecticut. He built numerous locomotives and cars for his own Eastern Valley Line and was well-known as a craftsman of O gauge railroading. His photographs of his models were published in model railroad periodicals.

He was married at St. Mary's Memorial Church in Norwich on Feb. 21, 1944 to Dorothea T. (Downes) Keroack, who died on July 20, 2004.

Surviving are four children, Paul R. Keroack of Stratford, Kathleen M. (Richard Oinonen) Keroack of Sunderland, Mass., Claire E. (David) Wright of Groton, Robert H. (Teri) Keroack of Williamsburg, Va.; and five grandchildren, Elizabeth Oinonen, Evan MacLeod, Christopher and Caitlin Keroack and Frances Wright. He is also survived by a brother, Francis W. Keroack of Norwich.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames Street, is assisting his family with arrangements. There will be a gathering for family and friends at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Henry Keroack's name may be made to Lighthouse Hospice Foundation Inc., 529 Main St., Suite 101, Charlestown MA 02129.

Funeral Home**Byles-Groton Memorial Home - Groton**

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