

William Donelan

1923 - 2014 WILLIAMSTOWN - William C. Donelan, 91, of Fort Myers, Fla. born on May 3, 1923, in Roslindale, Mass. and passed away on Wednesday Oct. 8. He was a native of Boston, and longtime resident of Williamstown, before moving to Ft. Myers, Fla. in 1987.

He served on the USS Boston in the [U.S. Navy](#) in [World War II](#) and was a member of the Navy V-12 program providing him the opportunity to attend Harvard, Princeton and Columbia Universities. After graduating Cum Laude from Boston College with B.S.B.A. degree in 1950, he worked at M.I.T., Litton Industries and retired after 22 years from Sprague Electric Co. in 1984 where he was Director of Contract Administration. He was a member of the American Legion and the [VFW](#). Though he was a highly skilled hockey player and golfer in his younger years and still an avid tennis player and golfer into retirement, he will be most remembered as an excellent family man, father and husband. Survivors include his wife, of 68 years, Norma Wolf Donelan; children, Kathleen Donelan Dallmeyer and husband, Steve, of North Fort Myers, Fla., Patricia Fortier and husband, Jay, of Washington, Mass., William Donelan and wife, Evelyn (Rodriguez), of Sanford, Fla., David Donelan and wife, Michele (Pierce), of Canterbury, N.H., Thomas Donelan of Quincy, Mass., Robert Donelan of Smyrna, Ga., James Donelan and wife, Mary Beth (Bonner), of Spokane Valley, Wash.; a sister, Anita Iverson, of Bernardston, Mass.; grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Brian Fortier from Patricia, William, Darsa, Audrey, Julia, and Siara Donelan from William, Laura, Jennifer, and Stephen Donelan from David, Stephanie Donelan from Thomas, Alyssa and Trevor Donelan from James, Elimaida and Emileida Rodriguez from Evelyn; along with two great-grandchildren, Taylor Jane Donelan from William, and Lyla Renay Bailey from Audrey. He was predeceased by a daughter and son-in-law, Susan Donelan and James Boggs; and a grandson, Adam Fortier. The Family requests memorial contributions be made to the Susan E. Donelan Search For Hope Fund, c/o Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226. Family and friends may sign the guest register and/or leave a condolence message by visiting www.horizonfunerals.com.

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