

# JAMES BERNARD MACDONALD



MacDONALD, James Bernard "Bernie" 98, passed away on February 14, 2013 at Heartland Health Care & Rehab Center near his winter home in Sarasota, FL. He was born on May 21, 1914 in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada to Alexander and Flora (Maclean) MacDonald. Bernie grew up on a dairy farm in Antigonish, Nova Scotia and was one of 9 children. After high school, he worked within the Canadian defense effort in the production of aircraft supporting the Allied war effort. After the war, Bernie immigrated to the Boston area where he married Mary Margaret "Peggy" Chisholm (also of Antigonish, Nova Scotia) in 1950 in Brighton, MA. Shortly after marrying, they moved to Littleton, Massachusetts where they were happily married for 43 years. Both dedicated their lives to benefit their children. Peggy died in 1993. Upon becoming a US citizen, Bernie became a devoted fan of Red Sox baseball and all things Boston Bruins. He was as talented a gardener as he was a gifted craftsman. In 2000 Bernie met Olive Boxall of Bobcaygeon, Ontario and Sarasota, FL. They enjoyed a loving relationship until the time of his death. Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander and Flora MacDonald; his siblings – John A. MacDonald of Milton MA; Huntley MacDonald of Antigonish, Nova Scotia; Edward MacDonald of Milton, MA; Christopher MacDonald of Braintree; Anna Mae Tate of Braintree, MA; Lillian MacDonald of Antigonish, Nova Scotia; Florence MacIssac of Antigonish, Nova

Scotia and Leo MacDonald of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Bernie and Peggy were also preceded in death by twin daughters Anne and Mary who died together shortly after their birth in 1958. Bernie is survived by his daughter Jean (Holtman) MacDonald of New Orleans, LA; Alan MacDonald of Framingham, MA; Paul MacDonald of Reno, NV and John "Chuck" MacDonald of Bermuda; grandchildren: Katie Holtman; David Holtman; Adam Holtman; Colin MacDonald; Peter MacDonald; Anne MacDonald; Alex MacDonald; Ashley White; Rylee MacDonald and great-grandchildren Charlie MacDonald and Joanna MacDonald and his many nieces, nephews and other relatives. A memorial service was held in April, 2013 in Sarasota, FL. Burial services will be held in Westlawn Cemetary, Littleton, MA on May 21, 2013. Condolences may be left on Badger's Funeral Home's email address [www.director@badgerfuneral.com](mailto:www.director@badgerfuneral.com) Please?see [www.badgerfuneral.com](http://www.badgerfuneral.com)

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