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### Winchester, Robert Curtis

Robert Curtis Winchester Robert Curtis Winchester, 86, died At Kendal at Hanover, Hanover, N.H., Thursday, June 11, 2009, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Fitchburg, Mass., son of George C. and Florence Dobson Winchester. After graduating from Fitchburg High School he pursued further study at Norwich University and the University of N.H. His studies were interrupted by World War II. He served in the Naval Air Corps with a Curtis Hell Diver Squadron on board the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa as Gunner/ Radio Operator. After the war he worked for Pan American Airways on the Flying Clipper Ships transporting cargo to South America. In 1945 he married Florence Joan Handley, also of Fitchburg Mass. He completed his studies at Babson University with a degree in Business Management. Shortly thereafter he joined the sales force of Simonds Saw and Steel Co., where he worked for many years. Eventually he and Florence relocated to Parker Road, Brookline, Vt., where he owned and operated his own company Dowd Supply Inc., an industrial distributor. It was there that he worked and lived for over 30 years enjoying the pristine environment of rural Vermont, their tennis court, family holiday celebrations, and a large vegetable garden, Robert's pride and joy. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Florence, of Brookline, Vt.; his sister, Betty Gould of Hanover, N.H.; his daughter, Lynn Winchester of West Brattleboro, Vt.; two sons, Steven C. Winchester of Sarasota, Fla., and Kirk H. Winchester, and wife, Sally, of Townshend, Vt.; six grandchildren, Megan Bayus, Blaine and Maxwell Winchester all of Sarasota, Fla., Kimberly Sweet of Hoboken, N.J., Sarah Winchester of Portland, Ore., and Devan Winchester of Brattleboro, Vt. He also leaves three great-grandchildren, Koen, Jace and Ryker Bayus. He was predeceased by his younger sister Lois McGuirl. FUNERAL NOTICE: A Burial service for the immediate family will be held at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton, MA, at the family burial plot where ancestors date back to the early 1800's. Services will be presided over by Reverend Sarah Hubbell of Marlboro, MA. Arrangements are in the care of RAND WILSON FUNERAL HOME, Hanover, New Hampshire. Contributions in Mr. Winchester's name can be to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, N.Y., 10001 or the Windham County Humane Society, Brattleboro Vermont. Published in the Brattleboro Reformer on 6/17/2009