



## Robert O. "Bob" Alenson, of Groton, formerly of Harvard

April 18, 1930 - April 12, 2025

GROTON: Robert Osterhoudt Alenson, "Bob," of Groton, formerly of Harvard, passed away peacefully on April 12th, surrounded by his beloved daughters. He was just six days shy of his 95th birthday.

Bob was the devoted husband of Lois Dehls Alenson for 71 years, until her passing in 2023. He missed her every day after that.

Born in Orange, NJ, to William Robert and Alice Alenson, Bob was raised in Maplewood. He met Lois in their French class at Columbia High School, where the teacher found it necessary to separate them—a moment that marked the beginning of a lifelong love.

Bob attended Gettysburg College on an ROTC scholarship and graduated with a degree in Economics. He went on to serve in Korea as a 1st Lieutenant and Ground Electronics Officer in the U.S. Air Force, earning the National Defense Service Medal.

Bob and Lois raised their three daughters in Mountainside, NJ, before relocating to East Hebron, NH, in 1977. While in New Jersey, he worked for Benzol Products Co., and later for Freudenberg NOK in New Hampshire. His abundant garden on the north end of Newfound Lake was often admired and photographed by passersby.

Bob had a deep curiosity and a wide range of interests, including technology, history, music, art, and travel. Among his many memorable gifts to his family were two elaborately planned summer trips to Europe—experiences his daughters will always treasure.

A lifelong learner with an open mind and eclectic tastes, Bob's quick wit, interest in people, and indomitable spirit drew many friends. In his later years at RiverCourt Residences, he was affectionately known as "the mayor." He enjoyed playing bridge, backgammon, and even learned chess in his nineties.

Bob is survived by his daughters Virginia Keim (Anthony) of Findley Lake, NY, Marianne O'Leary (Keith) of Plymouth, MA, and Audrey Alenson (Gregg Carlson) of Bolton, MA; his grandchildren Rob Keim (Sandrine Baudet), Peter Keim (Asia Wang), Julia Keim (Jaime McAdams), Rich Reimbolt (Kathryn), Rebecca Reimbolt, Sam Carlson (Jamie Rosen) and Grace Carlson; and great-grandchildren Cora Reimbolt and Hector Keim. He is also survived by his nephew and four nieces, with whom he remained close throughout his life.

The Anderson funeral home 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with the arrangements,