



## Mr J Finlay MacLean

September 13, 1918 - February 20, 2018

### Lenox

John Finlay MacLean, 99, of Lenox died Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Kimball Farms Nursing Care Center.

Mr. MacLean was born on September 13, 1918 in Lenox, MA to the late Charles D. and Elizabeth Chilton MacLean and grew up on the Kneeland Estate where his father was the Superintendent. He was a 1936 graduate of Lenox High School and was class president. He later enrolled at Wentworth Institute in Boston where he earned his associates degree in Electrical Installation and Maintenance in 1939.

During World War II he joined the Navy and served as an electrician in the Sea Bees at the Panama Canal, Nicaragua, and Okinawa.

Mr. MacLean returned to Lenox after the war and went to work as a plumber for Maskell and Lahert Co. until 1973 when he started MacLean Plumbing and Heating with his brother Donald and was active in the business until his retirement in 2010 at the age of 92.

Finlay enjoyed reading and drives through the Berkshires and New York State, and especially his annual ride with his wife to Newfoundland. He loved to discuss the history of Lenox and in particular the Great Estates. For many years he was a member of the Church on the Hill, serving on several committees including the deaconate, and at one time was active in the Lenox Fire Co.

He and his wife, Marjorie Harmon MacLean, were married on June 25, 1988.

Besides his wife, Finlay leaves his two sons; Robert MacLean (Heidi) of Lenox, and Bruce MacLean (Mary Beth) of Reno, NV, a grandson, Connor, three step-children; Michael Vaber of Lenox, Victoria Vaber-MacLennan (Mike) of New Orleans, LA, Christopher Vaber of Virginia Beach, VA, several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by his first wife, Phyllis Hurst MacLean, on May 10, 1972; and his brother, Charles Donald MacLean, on July 7, 2005.

A graveside funeral service for Mr. J. Finlay Maclean will be held on April 25, 2018 at 2 pm at the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery in Lenox. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Finlay's memory may be made to the Lenox Historical Society or the Church on the Hill, both in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

# Previous Events

## Burial

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery  
Housatonic Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Robert, Heidi, Connor and family,  
My sincere condolences on your loss. It sounds like John lived a full life and enjoyed his time here on earth. I know it is hard to say goodbye to a parent/grandparent who has been with us for so long. May beautiful memories sustain you in the days ahead. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.  
Sincerely,  
Becky Knox (grade 3 teacher)



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**Becky Knox** - March 02, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ My condolences. Finlay and Donald were extremely generous to my family over the years

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**jim kirby** - March 02, 2018 at 11:29 AM