

Richard G. "Dick" Lohnes



Richard G. "Dick" Lohnes, of Schaghticoke, passed away on March 1, 2015, at the age of 85 in Burlington, N.C. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor W. Lohnes, also of Schaghticoke. He is survived by his brother, Robert F. Lohnes; son David P. Lohnes and daughter-in-law Fran Fuchs Lohnes of Greenfield Center; son John H. Lohnes of Durham, N.C.; two grandchildren, Adam A. Lohnes and Jason D. Lohnes; two great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Dick was born on August 31, 1929, in Valley Falls to Carl W. Lohnes and Mabel B. Gifford. He graduated from Hoosic Valley Central High School in 1946 and earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1950. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955 on the USS Eaton. With his brother he owned and managed Lohnes Associates Insurance Agency in Schaghticoke until his retirement in 2000. Dick was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church in Valley Falls, where he served as a trustee and sang in the choir. He was extremely active in the civic affairs of his community where he was the Schaghticoke Village historian until 2014. He previously served on the Schaghticoke town planning board, the board of Diver Library and as president and treasurer of Elmwood Cemetery. He was a member of the Victor Masonic Lodge 680, the VFW, the American Legion Post of Schaghticoke, the Mechanicville Rotary Club and the Rensselaer Historical Society. Dick and his wife traveled extensively in the United States and overseas following retirement. Dick will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a dedicated servant to and leader of his community and a respected friend to all who knew him. Dick has donated his remains to the Duke University Medical School in Durham, N.C. Visitation with the family will be held at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 27. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, also at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church, 16 State St., Valley Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at P.O. Box 210, Schaghticoke, NY 12154. Contributions may be made to the Rotary Foundation at 14280 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 (rotary.org) or a charity of your choice. The family would like to thank his caregivers at home, at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy and at Duke University Medical Center for their dedication and expert care. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesunion-albany/obituary.aspx?n=richard-g-lohnes-dick&pid=174476738#sthash.3czcy0Mj.dpuf>