

Obituary

JOHN LACY of New Harbor, Maine, died on February 17, 2013 while receiving cancer treatment in Florida. He was accompanied by his son John Eben. In June of 2012, he and his son relocated to Wilson, North Carolina, to live near his youngest daughter following the death of his wife of 55 years, Alice Blades Lacy, in May 2012. John was born in Redbank, New Jersey, in 1921. He had two daughters and one son with his first wife, whom he lost to illness when his children were very young. He met and married Alice in 1958 in Washington, D.C., where he had gone to work as an attorney for the federal government. With the addition of Alice's daughter, Anne, his new family consisted of four children.

John and Alice lived in Midcoast Maine for a quarter century. They settled in Bath until they designed and built their dream home on the Pemaquid cliffs in New Harbor in 1993. John received his B.A. degree from Harvard University. In 1948 he went on to earn his law degree from the University of Virginia, following a tour with the Navy as a pilot in World War II. The couple left Washington, D.C., to live in Cocoa Beach, Florida, when John was promoted to Chief Counsel at Cape Kennedy for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In 1969 he was awarded the Superior Achievement Award by the John F. Kennedy Space Center for his "contribution to the team that successfully accomplished the preparation and launch of the Apollo Saturn Space Vehicles enabling the United States to achieve the first Apollo manned lunar landing." A Florida newspaper headlined an article calling him the "Perry Mason" of Cape Kennedy.

In 1980 John and Alice both retired from their professional careers and 'went to sea.' Following a lifelong love of sailing, they qualified to captain their own 41-foot ketch, the *Outrageous*. For four years they lived on and sailed the *Outrageous* in the Caribbean, often providing charter tours.

After sailing the Caribbean, John became the business manager for Alice Lacy, LTD. His wife designed and sold miniatures, which provided them with the opportunity to travel the world attending trade shows and visiting their manufacturer. When he finally really retired he found that he loved sculpture. His children will forever be able to enjoy his wonderful creations from his work with live models.

John is survived by his brother, Burrirt Samuel Lacy, age 93. He recently lost his older sister, Katherine Tuttle, age 95. In addition he had another brother, Benjamin Lacy, and sister, Barbara Smith, who passed away many years ago. All of his family spent their lives frequently visiting his parents and each other in the Adirondacks in Keene, New York, where his father left property in trust for generations of Lacys to enjoy for many years to come.

Devoted to the spiritual practice of the Friends community, John was for many years active in and supportive of Midcoast Friends Meeting, where Alice was a member. John was a devoted husband and father and will be missed terribly by his remaining children, Anne Luzzatto of New York, Nina Robin Lacy of North Carolina, and John Eben Lacy of Bangkok, Thailand, his brother, extended family and so many that knew him as a gentle soul and faithful friend. A daughter, Mary Jill Lacy is deceased. His family also includes five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.