



Austin Flint

Aug 15, 1931 – Feb 2, 2020

Austin Whitcomb Flint passed away quietly at the Carriage House, a memory care facility at The Elms Assisted Living in Westerly, RI, Feb 2, 2020, at the age of 88. He followed Joyce, his wife of 40 years who passed away 9 days earlier, also in Westerly.

Austin is dearly missed and survived by his children, Alan Flint of Chestnut Hill, MA (wife Christine Greco), Allison Flint of Enfield, NH, Joyce's daughters Heather Ott (husband Eric), Suzanne Newhall (husband Michael) and Lindsay Marieb (husband Mark); four grandchildren, Annabelle Nicholson of Concord, NH, and Nathaniel, Andrew and Edward Flint of Chestnut Hill, MA; Joyce's grandchildren Evan, Sarah, Alexander, Brent, Kyle, Tyler and Hayley; his sister Marguerite Fogleman of North Augusta, SC; and cousins, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife, Joyce Flint, his parents Lewis H. and Jessie (Chedel) Flint, his brother Alden Flint and his sister Christine Thomas.

Austin was born on August 15, 1931 in Alexandria, VA to Lewis and Jessie Flint, both Vermont natives. At age 6, the family moved to Baton Rouge, LA, where Austin grew up. After time in the National Forest Service at St Joe River area in Idaho and 3 years in the US Air Force, he returned to Baton Rouge for extended schooling to earn his BA, MA and finally PhD in Psychology (1960) from Louisiana State University. He began his professional career at MetLife in Manhattan and then joined the faculty at American International College (AIC) in Springfield, MA, in roles of Dean of Admissions, Professor of Psychology and chair of the department. His children Alan and Allison are with first wife Ann Glendening (Fuller), and he married second wife Joyce Huling Shortlidge in 1979 to be stepfather to Lindsay, Suzanne and Heather.

While he lived in various homes near AIC during his tenure, he spent every summer on Mascoma Lake in Enfield, NH, at the family cottage property on the south end of the lake. Since his retirement from AIC in 1996, he and Joyce spent winters in Sarasota, FL, at Longwater Chase in the Meadows and summers on Mascoma. They moved to The Elms assisted living in Westerly, RI together in 2017.

Austin was an accomplished sailor, birdwatcher, hiker, and woodworker, and studied the science of water quality. In every home, he had a woodshop where he built and repaired numerous projects. He and Joyce renovated the cottage on Mascoma Lake in the 1980s, updating the original Shaker cottage built in 1890 by the family. Many of his dozens of birdhouses remain in the field at the lake. He was an active member and past president of the Mascoma Lake Association. His family and friends remember him as knowledgeable and kind, with a gentle sense of humor.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 22, 11am, at the Union Church in Enfield Center, NH. Pastor Dave Walthour will officiate. All are welcome to attend and pay respects. Tentatively scheduled for August 1, 2020, family and friends will gather for a Celebration of Life at the Flint cottage (524 Shaker Blvd), a joyous event to remember both Austin and Joyce.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Mascoma Lake Association at mascomalakeassociation.org or PO Box 9, Enfield, NH 03748.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Carriage House at the Elms in Westerly, RI for their enduring care and respect over the past 3 years. Austin thought of his nurses, aides, specialists, therapists, drivers, all who cared for him and he connected with – quite fondly as his friends.