

Leonard Hopkins, 82

MARLBORO, MASS. -- Leonard W. "Len" Hopkins, 82, of Whitney Place, Westboro, Mass., died peacefully, Wednesday, March 15, 2006, in the hospital after a brief illness. Len was born on Oct. 14, 1923, in Lyndon Center, Vt., as the oldest son of eight children. He graduated from Lyndon Institute, Class of 1941. Len then went on to attend Norwich University where his course of study was interrupted by World War II. He graduated with a bachelor's degree after serving in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1942 to 1946. He then went on to M.I.T. to receive a master's degree in electrical engineering. Len spent the next 40 years with Raytheon Corporation in Bedford, Mass., in their Missile Systems Division, receiving numerous awards. He retired from there in 1988. He and his wife Connie made their home in Lexington, Mass., from 1952 until 1969, where Len was quite involved in the Elk's Club and held the office of Exalted Ruler in the mid-1960s. Len and Connie returned to live in their hometown of Lyndonville in the mid-1990s, after many years living in Massachusetts and Connecticut. In May 2003, they moved back to Massachusetts into an assisted living environment close to some of their children. Leonard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Eleanor "Connie" (Batchelder) Hopkins of Westboro, Mass.; and his four children, Richard L. Hopkins of Holland, Mass., Douglas B. Hopkins of Westmore, Vt., Deborah L. Vorce of New Castle, N.H., and Suzanne H. McDonough of Framingham, Mass. He also leaves 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; three sisters; and two brothers. A memorial service to celebrate Len's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, at The Willows, One Lyman Street, Westboro, Mass. There will be another memorial service in July to be held in Lyndonville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Len's memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.