

Henry Holland

Henry Holland, one of the sweetest men in the world, passed away on the morning of May 27, 2013, just shy of his 90th birthday. The son of Morris and Rae Holland, Jewish immigrants from Russia and Lithuania, he was raised in Calais amidst a close-knit extended family. He graduated from the University of Maine, received a Master of Arts degree from Harvard and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Madrid. During world War II, he served as an infantry Captain in the U.S. Army Tank Corps in the Philippines. His fascination with world cultures and his love of languages led him to a rewarding career.

Henry came to Colby College as an instructor in 1952 and he retired in 1998 after 22 years as a Professor of Modern Languages. He was a three-time Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages and a member of almost every all-College committee. Henry played a leading role in establishing Colby's First Semester Abroad program and he was resident director of the Colby in Cuernavaca Program for many years. Earlier he was an administrator of LASPAU, a Harvard affiliated not-for-profit that fosters social and economic development in the Americas through higher education.

Dr. Holland purchase property in Sidney, Maine and helped to plan and elegant and distinctive home there. Together with Edward "ted" Humphrey, his partner for more than 50 years, and a series of treasured cats, he delighted in its architectural and natural beauty. While teaching, he also spent months of the year in Mexico and at home in T[^]Zla, Honduras. Upon retirement, Henry and Ted had the good fortune to visit a different country nearly every year.

Henry will be remembered as a sophisticated, literate, warm and witty gentleman and a gracious host, who shared tales of world travels, culinary skills and bounty from a flourishing orchard, abundant garden and prolific berry bushes.

Henry leaves a beloved sister, Sylvia Waterman, and brother-in-law Robert P. Waterman of Topsham; two nieces, Myra W. Korin of Natick, Massachusetts and Amy E. Waterman of Brunswick; several dear cousins; and members of the Humphrey-Anderson clan to whom he was an "extra" brother, cousin, uncle and dad. Adored by all who knew him-family, friends, colleagues, students and caregivers-he will be sorely missed.

Funeral services will be at noon on Thursday, May 30th at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street Bangor with Rabbi Dara Lerner officiating. Interment will be in Beth Israel Cemetery, Bangor. Those who wish to remember Henry in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the ASPCA by donating online t www.aspca.org/donate; to the Colby College Memorial Fund, 400 Mayflower Hill, Waterville Me 04901; the Maine Medical Center Memorial Fund, Development Office, 22 Bramhall St. Portland ME 04102 or to the Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice Memorial Program, Development Department, 15 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04240.

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