

Glyndon H. Crocker Jr., banjo enthusiast

Glyndon H. Crocker Jr., one of the founders of the Buffalo Banjo Club, died Saturday (March 10, 2001) in Boca Raton (Fla.) Hospital. He was 91 and had lived in Florida the past 25 years.

He was a 68-year member of Rotary Club International, including 48 years with perfect attendance, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was honored on his 90th birthday by the Grand Island Rotary Club with a lifetime membership.

A native of Chicago, he grew up in Cortland. He was a graduate of Deerfield Academy and Amherst



College, owned variety stores in Central New York in the 1940s and worked as a salesman for Kaiser Roth intimate apparel.

He moved to Buffalo in the late 1960s. With a few friends he formed what was to become the Buffalo Banjo Club. He also was a member of the Banjo Buzzards.

He was a lifetime member of the Buffalo Launch Club.

His wife of 39 years, the former Jean Wiggins, died in 1994.

He is survived by two sons, Glyndon III of Orange, N.J., and Tracy of Plymouth, Minn.; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in Amigone Funeral Home, 5200 Sheridan Drive, Amherst. Burial will be Saturday in Cortland.

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Obituaries

Glyndon H. Crocker, Jr.

Glyndon H. Crocker, Jr., 91, resident of Boca Raton and Key Colony Beach, Fla., for the past 25 years, passed away March 10, 2001.

Glyndon Crocker, Jr. was born Nov. 5, 1909, in Chicago, Ill., the eldest son of Glyndon H. Crocker, Sr. and Myrl Zelpha (Brown) Crocker.

Glyndon attended Cortland High School, Deerfield Academy prep school and Amherst College.

During his adult life Glyn Crocker was extremely active in the International Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. In recognition of this service the Grand Island Rotary Club honored Glyn on his 90th birthday with a lifetime membership and a commendation from the governor of New York. Glyn was most proud of his 68 years of service and his 48 years of perfect attendance.

In the late 1960s, after moving to Buffalo, N.Y., Glyndon, with the seed of an idea, began with a few of his friends what was to become the Buffalo Banjo Club which is still a major source of entertainment in the Western New York area. He and another small group of banjo enthusiasts also were members of the "Banjo Buzzards."

Glyn and his wife Jean were also actively involved and members of the Buffalo Launch Club for many years. Because of his many years of support they also bestowed an honorary lifetime membership on Glyndon.

He is survived by his two sons, Glyndon III and Tracy Crocker; his grandchildren, Beth Stevens, Tracy and Carolynn Crocker and eight great-grandchildren.

His younger sister Myrl Rose and brother Robert preceded him in death.

A visitation will be held at Amigone Funeral Home, 5200 Sheridan Drive in Amherst (Sheridan and Hopkins) on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. with a service at 8 p.m.

The family would like to suggest that any donations be made to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in Glyndon's name.