



Alan Reed Lillie

November 24, 2017

Alan Reed Lillie, 94, of Sarasota, FL, son of Albert and Gertrude Lillie, passed away in Lakewood Ranch on Friday, November 24.

Alan was born in Chicago Illinois in 1922, graduated from Highland Park High School and then attended Northwestern University with a BS degree in mechanical engineering. He joined the Navy in WW2 and served as lieutenant on destroyer escort for merchant marine and army transport between the US and England. On leave in NY he and crew members danced and listened to jazz bands at "swinging" clubs of the day.

His working career began as a sales engineer with Worthington Corporation in Milwaukee WI. On a plant trip to Buffalo New York he met Isabel Ross on a blind date and she chased him to Chicago. He succumbed, married Isabel Ross in 1949 and settled in Milwaukee.

He joined the Milwaukee Yacht Club and won many races as a competitive Flying Scot and Soling skipper (thanks to indispensable crew Curt and Ross). He worked for Siemens Utility Power Corporation in the early 1980's and later transferred to Bradenton. He joyously retired in 1987 to pursue sailing, kayaking, volunteering for the Sarasota Beautification Committee, attending jazz club events, theater performances, and travel.

Alan will be remembered for his love of jazz, sailing, wine, and service to the Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Association in Sarasota.

He is survived by sons Curt and his wife Janet of Brookfield, WI and Ross and his wife Cathy of Traverse City, MI; 3 grandchildren, Lisa of St. Louis, MO, Alex of Milwaukee, WI and Reed of Rockledge, FL. He is also survived by his brother Terry of Highland Park, IL and by 4 nephews.

In addition to his wife Isabel, he was predeceased by his sister Joan.

A celebration of Alan's life will be held at 10AM on November 29 at the Toale Brothers Funeral Home on Orange Ave in Sarasota.

Memorials may be made to the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc. Sarasota FL for the Isabel & Alan Lillie Memorial Fund.