

ROLLASON, John Wales

John Wales Rollason, 89, husband of Ruth (Templeton) Rollason for almost 63 years, passed away on Wednesday (May 21, 2008) at Pilgrim Manor in Cromwell. Born in Beverly, MA, he was the son of the late Herbert Duncan Rollason and Susan Hervey (Wales) Rollason. John came to Middletown with his family at the age of four when his father became minister of South Congregational Church. John was an active member of the South Church and was treasurer for over 30 years. He joined the choir at age 16 and enjoyed making music with the choir until he could no longer climb the stairs to the church balcony. John attended Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, MA and graduated from Middletown High School in 1935. He pursued an education in business at Babson Institute, now Babson College, in Wellesley Hills, MA. Besides his wife, John is survived by his four daughters, Ruth Inhoff, Christie Rollason-Reese, Elizabeth R. Bonis, and Lori Rollason; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. John was one of four children and is survived by his older brother, Duncan and youngest brother, David.

A memorial service will be held for John on Saturday, May 31 at South Congregational Church in Middletown at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the South Congregational Church, 9 Pleasant Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.doolittlefuneralservice.com. The Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church Street, Middletown is handling the arrangements.