

## Obituary



**PHILIP R. B. MCMASTER, MD**, 95, of Providence, Rhode Island, passed away peacefully and surrounded by immediate family on December 11. A devoted husband and father, he was an insatiably curious scientist, medical researcher and psychiatrist, an inveterate sailor and an indefatigable painter.

Phil was born on February 19, 1930, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and graduated from South Kent School, Princeton University and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. As an intern at New York Hospital, he met Elizabeth (Betsy) Wilkins, a social worker, and the two were married in 1958. Following Phil's training in immunology, he and Betsy lived for two wonderful years in Paris while he worked at the Pasteur Institute.

Returning to the United States, Phil pursued his passion for laboratory research for decades at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, where he also completed a residency in clinical pathology, the Centers for Disease Control in

Atlanta and Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University in Providence. Always eager to master new subjects, he later did another residency in psychiatry at Brown and spent the remainder of his career in practice at area clinics. Working with patients in these settings gave him great satisfaction and proved a perfect match for his scientific mind, quietly outgoing nature, and ability to see the world in unconventional ways.

Predeceased by his beloved wife Betsy, he is survived by his son Charley and his wife Debbie of Pepperell, Massachusetts; his son Joseph and his wife Gretchen Sinnott of Melrose, Massachusetts; and his grandchildren Caroline (Callie), Benjamin and Iain, his sister Gail Alling of York, Maine, and dozens of relatives.

A memorial service will be held at St. Martin's Church at 50 Orchard Avenue in Providence on February 21 at 11:00 am with a reception to follow in the Great Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions can be made to St. Martin's in Phil's memory. Condolences may be left at [monahandrable.sherman.com](http://monahandrable.sherman.com). ❖