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K. A. Henderson, noted mountaineer

Kenneth Atwood Henderson, an accomplished mountaineer and senior vice president of John Chase Inc. investment counselors, died Sept. 13 at Genesis Eldercare in Lebanon, N.H. He was 95.

Mr. Henderson was well-known in mountaineering circles, and had completed several historic ascents in the Wyoming Wind River and Grand Teton ranges during the 1920s and 1930s, including the first publicly recorded ascent of Mount Owen, the second highest peak in the Tetons.

Mr. Henderson was the author of "The Handbook of American Mountaineering" (1942), first commissioned for the training of mountain troops during World War II. He also wrote the "New England Canoeing Guide" for the Appalachian Mountain Club, and was the editor of the journal "Appalachia." In addition, he wrote articles for other mountaineering publications.

Mr. Henderson was the honorary treasurer of the American Alpine Club, founder of the Harvard Mountaineering Club, Fellow of the Harvard Travelers Club, and president of the Appalachian Mountain Club. He was also a member of Mountain Guides Association and Explorers Club.

Mr. Henderson, formerly of Waban, graduated from Harvard College in 1926. He married the late Elizabeth Berry Marshall in 1944. He was a member of the Second Church in Newton and had a summer home in Wellfleet.

During World War II, Mr. Henderson served in the Navy, primarily in Alaskan waters. He retired as a commander in the Naval Reserve in 1962.

He was associated with various financial companies including Brown Brothers, Weil McKey, and Cromwell & Cabot. From 1950 to 1974, he was the senior vice president at John P. Chase.

Mr. Henderson leaves his daughter, Caroline, of Hanover, N.H., and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in First Congregational Church of Hanover on Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. Burial will be in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.



*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
Psalm 121:1*

A Memorial Service for
Kenneth Atwood Henderson

October 18, 1905 – September 13, 2001

Hanover Center Church
October 13, 2001