

OBITUARY SELWYN I. ATHERTON

Selwyn I. Atherton died on May 5, 2017 at his home in Plymouth, Massachusetts. A prominent banker for many years, he was also an accomplished athlete, a wine enthusiast, and a proud grandfather. He is survived by his wife Marge, 4 children and 7 grandchildren to whom he was known as Grumpy.

Sel grew up in Hanover and followed his grandfather, father, and two uncles to Dartmouth. He was a member of the ski team and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. In mid-career he attended Harvard's Advanced Management Program.

Sel's athletic interests, in addition to skiing, included tennis and golf. He scored 3 holes-in-one. He and Marge regularly competed in mixed doubles tennis and platform tennis tournaments. He and a partner won the national seniors doubles championship in platform tennis in 1981. More recently, he was a fierce competitor in bridge and gin rummy.

Other active pursuits included vegetable gardening, reading and bird-watching. Regular visits to Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge in Florida were highlights for Sel, as was the frequent presence of two sandhill cranes at his bird feeder in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, his and Marge's winter home.

Sel's banking career included senior positions in New York City; Auburn, Maine; and Richmond, Virginia where he became chairman and CEO of First Agricultural Bank. First Agricultural was acquired by Multibank Financial Corporation of Dedham, Massachusetts where Sel became president of the parent corporation. He also served as chairman of South Shore Bank in Quincy, retiring in 1993.