

LIONBERGER, James D. James D. Lionberger, 86, of Marion, MA, died unexpectedly in Florida on December 30, 2017. He was born on June 9, 1931 in St Louis, MO to John Shepley Lionberger and Anne Chase Lionberger. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and daughters, Deborah Corcoran and her husband Philip, Dr. Margaret Lionberger and her husband Douglas Kohn, grandsons, Jackson and Charles Kohn, and sister, Margaret Skinner. He was predeceased by his first wife Deborah, daughter, Anne, brother, John, and sister, Nancy Putnam. Jim attended [Princeton University](#) and with his passion for flying decided to enlist in the [U.S. Air Force](#) and pilot school. Upon leaving the Air Force as captain, he served in the Missouri Air National Guard. He completed his education at Washington University with a degree in Geology. He was a retired Reinsurance Executive from Commercial Union Insurance. After moving to Marion, he became a member of the Kittansett Club where he enjoyed many challenging days of golf. He also spent many days chasing bluefish on Buzzards Bay. With his passion for flying he built, with his godson, a high performance Kitfox single engine experimental aircraft. Its bright yellow color was well known in the skies over the scenic shores of the Cape and Islands. He also enjoyed traveling and winter retreats in Vero Beach, FL. There will be a memorial service on June 9, 2018 at 11:00 am at St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street, Marion, MA. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to St. Gabriel's Church.

Jim came to Princeton in 1949 from Clayton, Missouri and St Louis Country Day School, which furnished us a few other classmates.