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Richard M. Osgood

Richard M. Osgood Sr. of Winchester and Rockport, Mass., died suddenly April 6, 2003, in Jupiter, Fla.

A service of remembrance will be held Sunday, April 27, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in First Congregational Church, Winchester, Mass. Private burial will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to the Development Office, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem Mass. 01970-3783 or First Congregational Church, 21 Church St., Winchester, Mass. 01890.

He was born March 12, 1920, in Malden, Mass., the son of George and Helen Osgood of Malden and Rockport, Mass. He was a 1937 graduate of Malden High School and a 1941 graduate of West Point Military Academy. Col Osgood was an early leader in the development of radar systems in the United States. He was the first academy graduate to attend the MIT Radar School and subsequently led the installation of coastal radar on the northern Pacific coast in the early days of World War II, later serving in Europe on the staff of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower throughout the remainder of the war. After transferring to the United States Air Force, he participated in the development of new radar systems at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and the DEW radar system in New York City after the war. Subsequently he was senior vice president for the electronics systems division of Sylvania which became GTE.

He is survived by his wife Mary; two sons, Richard Jr. and his wife Alice of Winchester and Chappaqua, N.Y.; Russell and his wife Paula of Grinnell and Rockport; one daughter Rebecca O. Hoerner, M.D. and her husband Tom, Andover and Rockport, Mass.; 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, George (Bob) and Frank.