

**Arthur D. "A.D." Copestakes (ACAS 1959)
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A.D. Copestakes died peacefully on December 20, 2007, surrounded by family and friends in Concord, New Hampshire. He was 85.

He was born in Philadelphia to Elizabeth Annie (Fox) and Arthur Copestakes, and graduated in 1948 from Temple University. He worked in the insurance industry for 27 years in Massachusetts. In 1977 he moved to New Hampshire to work for the N.H. Insurance Department where he was chief actuary until his retirement in 1988.

Through his volunteer work, Copestakes touched the lives and hearts of hundreds of individuals. He cited volunteering as the reason for a great deal of joy in his life.

He was on the boards of the New Hampshire Federal Credit Union and the Concord Community Concert Association, served on the investment committee of the Centennial Senior Center Endowment Fund, as crew for ConcordTV and as a volunteer for the NHPR Channel 11 auction. He has been an active advocate for a wide variety of social justice issues both as a member of AARP-New Hampshire and of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord.

A.D.'s avocation was flying and he maintained his certified flight instructor credentials.

He and his wife, Janet (MacGillivray) Copestakes, were married for 38 years. They enjoyed Scottish country dancing, cross-country skiing, traveling and camping.

He is survived by his wife; his daughters, Christine Ritter of Naples, Florida, Vesta Copestakes of Forestville, California, and Sharon Copestakes of Barrington, New Hampshire; two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. He was predeceased by a son, David Copestakes in 2007. Those who wish to honor Copestakes's life are encouraged to do so by contributing time, energy and funds to good causes that enhance the value of life and community.