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Richard C. Lonsdale, Professor Emeritus at New York University passed away on March 11, 2013 in Glenmoor Retirement Community, St. Augustine, FL where he resided for nine years. He was born in Paterson, NJ, the son of Dr. William J. Lonsdale, a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church. He moved with his family to Glen Rock, NJ and then to East Greenbush, NY. Graduating from high school early, he attended New York State College for Teachers (now SUNY Albany) and graduated with honors. He then taught high school history in Margaretville NY for two years. In 1942 he joined the US Navy and was commissioned with the rank of Lieutenant JG. He participated in the 1943 landings by Allied forces in North Africa. In 1944 he was among the troops landing on D Day on Utah Beach, where he was responsible for evacuation of the wounded. After the war he studied at Syracuse University where he earned his doctorate in educational administration. He taught at Syracuse until 1964 when he accepted a position at New York University. He retired from NYU in 1989. In 1982 he received the Honored Alumnus Award from Syracuse University. He did research in Futures Studies and was a consultant to the Department of Education in Australia where he lectured. He is survived by his wife, Claire; his son William J. Lonsdale, daughter-in-law Jackie Levinthal, grandson Sam Lonsdale; stepson John R. Glennon and his son Michael, and daughter Meghan; stepson David A. Glennon, his wife Karen, daughter

Caitlin, husband Ty and son Patrick, and great-grandson William, along with his nieces and nephews. He is also survived by stepchildren Winthrop Rockwell and Sandra Robinson and their families. He was predeceased by his first two wives Carolyn Kelley Lonsdale and Ruth Rockwell Lonsdale. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Glenmoor Scholarship Fund, 235 Towerview Dr, St. Augustine, FL 32092. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.