Rudolf F. Storch, died April 16, 2014 at home in Lexington, MA. He was born in Bodenbach (now Decin) in the Sudetenland region of Northern Bohemia, Czechoslovakia, in April 1923. As the son of a Social Democrat German-speaking anti-Nazi politician, Rudolf Josef Storch, he spent his childhood amid the growing threat of fascism in the Sudetenland and recalled his father returning home bloodied from political meetings and rocks being thrown through the windows of the family home. During the Thirties the home was a safe house for Social Democrats making their way to Russia, a practice that ended when it was discovered the fugitives were being assassinated on arrival. In October 1938, soon after the Munich agreement when Rudolf remembered Chamberlain hanging in effigy from lampposts in Prague, Rudolf senior and his Sudeten colleagues were airlifted to England through the agency of Harold Macmillan and other opponents of appeasement in the British government. The families followed by sealed train and ship. Rudolf recalled standing defiantly on deck with an adolescent friend as the ship passed though the Kiel Canal, menacing storm troopers lining the shore. Rudolf completed his education in England, at Warwick School. After World War Two, he served as a captain in the British Army in Cyprus, Egypt and Palestine. He then entered Lincoln College, Oxford University, where he read English. Following his graduate work, he went to Ghana as a founding faculty member at the University of Ghana, Accra. After ten years in Ghana he came to the United States, to join the English Department faculty at Dartmouth College and then Tufts University, where he was a professor of English for 25 years. He published many papers on topics that included William Wordsworth, Romanticism, and the visual arts. He was also a dedicated teacher. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Margaret (Bryce), his daughter Vanessa Shaller of Charlotte, NC.; his son Nicholas Storch of Hamilton, Ontario; his son and daughter from his first marriage, Kevin Storch of Hessle, E. Yorkshire, UK, and Helen Reynolds of Cambridge, UK.; and ten grandchildren.

A celebration of his Life will be on Saturday, June 7th at 3:00 p.m. at 51 Winthrop Street, Medford, MA.