

Obituary

Born: Wednesday, September 1, 1926

Died: Thursday, December 11, 2008

AGNES, Peter W., Sr. On Dec. 11, 2008, age 82, surrounded by his family, returned to God after a brief illness. Mr. Agnes was the beloved husband of Rita Galligani. Devoted father of The Honorable Peter, Jr. and his wife Eileen of Wayland, Pamela McMahon and her husband Larry of Reading, Judith Pare of Manchester, NH and her husband Skot and Lisa Radley of Milton and her husband Joe. Brother of John of Everett, Theresa Primrose of Everett, and the late Frank. He also was very devoted to, and proud of, his 8 beautiful grandchildren, Peter, III and his wife Dana, Marita, Christine, Larry, Lisa, Krista, Jack and Jillian and he felt especially blessed to have welcomed 2 great grandchildren, Will and Kaden into his family this year. Mr. Agnes retired in 1991, as a Lieutenant Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police, after a distinguished career as a homicide, auto theft and public corruption investigator, that included assignments in the Offices of Middlesex County District Attorney, John J. Droney, Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti and Governor Michael S. Dukakis. Col. Agnes played a major role in the investigation of corruption and fraud in local and state government building contracts in the late 1970's. His work was instrumental to the success of the Ward Commission, whose 1980 report led to important reforms in public sector building practices. He also enjoyed the distinction of serving as the First Director of the Office of Special Investigation, created by Governor Dukakis in 1982, to address allegations of corruption and fraud in state government. After his retirement, he and his wife pursued their favorite hobbies of gardening and spending time with their family and many friends. Col. Agnes was an avid sports fan, especially if it concerned Everett High School Football, a team he quarterbacked in 1943. He and his wife divided their time between South Yarmouth, MA and West Palm Beach, FL. Funeral from the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main St., EVERETT Monday, Dec. 15 at 9 AM. Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, Everett at 10 AM. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours will be Sunday, from 3-8 o'clock. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Late W. W. II Navy Veteran. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Martin P. Solomon Medical Education Scholars' Fund at Brigham & Women's Hospital, c/o Development Office, 116 Huntington Avenue, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02116 or the St. Jude Children's Hospital, One St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Service Summary

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