



Francis J. Heffernan

January 11, 2018

Heffernan, Francis J. "Frank"

Frank Heffernan, 89, of Farmington, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2018. He was born on April 22, 1928, in Hartford, son of the late Edmund J. and Bridie (McCarthy) Heffernan. He attended St. Joseph School in Hartford and moved to West Hartford in 1936 where he graduated from Hall High School in 1946. Frank served in the U.S. Navy from July 1946 to July 1950. He was stationed with the Fighter Squadron VF-12 and the USS Valley Forge CV-45 which was the first aircraft carrier that went around the world, showing the American flag after WWII. He later transferred to VC-5 at Moffet Field in California, the U.S. Navy's first atom bomb squadron, skippered by Com. Fred Ashworth, who armed the second atom bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. Frank later attended the University of Embry Riddle in Miami, Florida, where he studied aircraft engineering. He flew with Transocean Airlines in both its Atlantic and Pacific divisions. He also flew with Lufthansa Airlines. He later transferred to a company division in Paris, France, where he was Director of Maintenance and Overhaul of commercial aircraft. Frank later returned to the States and worked at Kaman Aircraft as a company representative for Japan and the Philippines and later took over the Hawaiian and Alaskan territories. From there he transferred to the Admiral Staff at NAS in Alameda, California. He left Kaman Aircraft in 1968. Frank later worked in real estate in West Hartford and then went to work for the American Red Cross in Farmington as the Connecticut State Site Inspector for the next 11 years. He retired at age

71. Frank was predeceased by two sisters, Margaret and Barbara, and two brothers, Edmund and John. He leaves behind the love of his life, Dorothy McBrien Heffernan, whom he married in 1985, and with whom he lived happily for the next 32 years. Frank also leaves behind several nieces and nephews and will be greatly missed by his extended family and friends in the McBrien, Botticelli and Brazauskas families. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 17th, 10:00 a.m., at the Church of St. Helena, 30 Echo Lane, West Hartford, where Frank was very involved with services and parish events. Calling hours will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th, at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **17**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Helena
30 Echo Lane
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Dorothy and family: our sincerest sympathies on the passing of your beloved Frank. Although I didn't really know him it sounds like he was a wonderful guy! And knowing you, I can say if he deserved you then he must have been!! 😊 It sounds like you two found each other later in life, which is a very sweet thing indeed. I hope the years you had together were good ones and that your memories will be also. Again my sincerest condolences and best wishes to you and your entire family.
Ray Poet, NARFE

ray poet - January 17, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Francis J. Heffernan.



January 15, 2018 at 11:41 PM

EF

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Hefferernan's passing. It was a pleasure knowing him for the short time that I did. He will be missed.
Sincerely,
Eric Fredette

eric Fredette - January 15, 2018 at 09:38 PM

VM

“ Dorothy,

My Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sincerely, Valerie MacHardy

Valerie MacHardy - January 15, 2018 at 06:08 PM

BW

Dottie

We just learned of Frank's passing . We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy.

Howard and Barb Wilmes

barb wilmes - January 16, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Francis J. Heffernan.*



January 15, 2018 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Tom and Georgetta Botticelli and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Francis J. Heffernan.*



Tom and Georgetta Botticelli and Family - January 14, 2018 at 05:07 PM