



James F. Morrison

June 20, 1924 - April 12, 2004

James F. Morrison, husband of Grace Ahearn Morrison, died Monday April 12, 2004 in Tallahassee, Florida, where they lived since 1976. He was the son of the late Francis H. Morrison and Jane Spellman Morrison. Jay grew up in Norwich, Connecticut, and graduated from Norwich Free Academy. In 1943 he joined the Army Air Corps, serving until 1946, when he was discharged as a Sergeant, having served in the European Theater of Operations. He graduated from Providence College in 1950, and earned a Master's Degree from Boston University in Public Administration. In 1954 he married Grace Ahearn. Jay was employed by the Welfare Department for the State of Connecticut, responsible for that Department's Medicaid Program. Mr. Morrison was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary. He and Grace moved to West Hartford in 1960. There they raised their two children, Anne and J. Thomas. After Jay retired from the Welfare Department, he and Grace moved to Florida, where he held the position of Administrator for the Haines City Health Care facility. He expertly balanced his responsibilities as Administrator with his profound love of bass fishing, to which he was committed with an almost religious fervor. When he retired again in 1997, he no longer had to divide his attention, resulting in a significant drop in Florida's bass population. His love for fishing was exceeded only by his love for his family. He was devoted to his wife, his children, and his six grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Grace; his daughter Anne, her husband John Danaher, and their children, Ceara, Brendan, Austin and Mary Kate; and his son Thomas, his

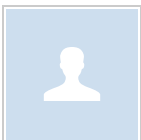
wife Jacquie, and their children, Grace and Barbara. He also leaves his cousin Nicholas Spellman of Norwich, CT, his brother-in-law John F. Ahearn and his brother-in-law Edward J. and his wife Mary Gertrude Ahearn. He was predeceased by his sister, Jane. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, April 16, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 4655 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida, 32309 or to a charity of the donor's choice. The Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford, is assisting with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of the entire Roberts/Robbins family I would like to express my deepest sympathies on the passing of your husband/father. My mother's family owned the house next door to the Morrison's at 60 Prospect St. France and Jane were godparents to at least one of my brothers. My brother, Stephen, grew up very close to Jane. He helped her with chores and she took him out frequently. In my younger years I would visit the Morrisons and the Dennises. Mary Dennis always told us there was a big, mean dog in the basement. We never misbehaved around her. When we were especially good, she would offer us a glass of "Moxie" to drink. That stuff was horrible! When Jane died, she left the house at 54 Prospect St. to my mother, Alice Roberts Robbins. My husband and I lived there for the first two years of our marriage. That was a great little house. It is now owned by my brother, John Robbins. We have since sold the family home at 60 Prospect St. However, when we cleaned it out, I found and saved, what seems to be the original citizenship document for a James Morrison, born in Ireland. If your family would like to have this item, please contact me with your address. I'd love to send it to you. Sincerely, Melissa Jane Robbins I kept my maiden name.##imported-begin##Melissa J. Robbins##imported-end##

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“ Dear Grace, May it comfort you to know that long-ago Norwich friends are thinking of you and remembering you in their prayers. John and Nikki Thomas##imported-begin##Nikki Thomas##imported-end##

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