



William R. D'Aquila

November 7, 1928 - November 9, 2006

William R. D'Aquila, 78, husband of Doris Vialardi D'Aquila, died November 9, 2006 in Farmington. Born in Torrington he was the son of the late Pasquale and Virgilia DeRosa D'Aquila. He graduated from the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Points, NY in 1951 and obtained his Masters Degree in International Marketing from the University of Hartford. He was the Manager of International Operations of the former Combustion Engineering Company. His many activities included the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the West Hartford Squires. One of his favorite projects included assisting in the planning of the new Veterans Memorial in West Hartford Center. Besides Doris, his wife for 55 years, he leaves his children: Susan Senger of Portland, OR, Atty. Laurel Mangan of Longmeadow, MA, Dr. Marc D'Aquila of Cambridge, NY, Andrea Langhauser of Norfolk, MA, Dr. James D'Aquila of Riverside, RI, Peter D'Aquila of Staffordville, CT, and Dr. Steven D'Aquila of Holden, MA. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Laurel, David, Brian, Daniel, Rebecca, Kelli, Ben, Carolyn, Nathan, Mary, Maribeth, Nicholas, and Michael; his brother Orlando D'Aquila of FL, and his sister Emily DeRosa of TN. He was predeceased by his brother Nicholas D'Aquila. The funeral will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. He will be buried in a family plot in Torrington on Monday. Calling hours are TODAY from 6-8 p.m. in the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to New England Center for Children, 33 Turnpike Rd.,

Southboro, MA 01772-2108. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at
www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Doris, Laurel and Family,

It was a sad surprise to hear of Will's passing. I wish to express my condolences to everyone, but especially you Doris and Laurel. In the course of our lives, we meet many people who have an impact for better, or for worse. Will definitely was way out on the plus side for me. But without you Doris, he would not have become nearly such a wonderfully exceptional and successful person. Thinking of the modest circumstances in which he started, he came a great way by every measure, and managed to do so with much more than the usual measures of dignity and caring for others. With his brilliant energy and intelligence, you Doris were the navigator he needed in order to keep sailing straight and true.

Will was someone from whom I learned a great deal - especially that it is always possible to forgive and forget. He was incredibly proud of all his kids especially Laurel. When our children went through occasional difficult periods it was a great relief to draw upon Will and your wisdom Doris.

I am sorry that a prolonged business trip to Europe made it impossible to be with you and visit with him one last time here on earth. I deeply regret having to say goodbye from afar to a caring and generous man who led his life with the greatest dignity and who was a mentor in so many ways.##imported-begin##Tom Sohre##imported-end##

November 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Andrea: So sorry to hear the news. My thoughts are with you.
Paul##imported-begin##Paul Lyons##imported-end##

November 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doris, Peter, and Family-*
Our deepest sympathies to you in your hours and days of loss. Your neighbors on the lake and in the SLA will miss Will's gregarious ebullence at our summer potlucks and will remember his many generous contributions to our lake community. Joyce##imported-begin##Joyce & Bob Arthur##imported-end##

November 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Doris & Family:*
We were so saddened to read of Willie's passing. Our sincere sympathy to all of you. We will always remember his fun loving personality and all the good times we shared with you at our high school reunions.##imported-begin##Sergio&Rosemarie Trivella##imported-end##

November 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Willie was such a great part of our late 1940 days. So long ago So sorry to hear of his passing. Our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Bill & Fayne McCaffrey Meyer##imported-end##*

November 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Doris and family*

Our sincere and deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of Will.##imported-begin## Dolly and Jutso Carbone##imported-end##

November 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Will,
*Peggy and I cannot be there with you in body, but our spirits will be with you as your's will be with ours, forever. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Doris and all of the D'Aquila family.
Joe & Peggy Cassano###imported-begin###Joe & Peggy Cassano###imported-end###*

November 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ To Doris and all of the brothers and sisters, I want to express my sincere condolences to all of you. Jimmy, Peter and Steven are around my age and I know them well from our STA days and usual neighborhood cahoots. I thought the world of your father. And noone is better than Mrs. D! Except my Mom, Big Jean, of course. But, seriously, I just wanted to let you know how sorry I am and my that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am sure you know this, but your Dad was always the most upbeat and friendly person. I will strive to maintain the same kind of positive spirit that he emboddied. I can't think of a better role model when it comes to how one carries himself and treats others: caring, respect, dignity, character and genuine kindness. He will sure be missed. God bless you all.

Steve Carr###imported-begin###Steve Carr###imported-end###

November 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to all of Bill's family for their personal loss of a husband, father and grandfather.
My own memories of Bill date back to our days at the East School in Torrington. Unfortunately in the years that followed our only contact was at the class reunions - but Bill still always had the same spirit and joy of life that I remembered from our younger years.
My own personal sadness at knowing that an old friend has passed on cannot compare to the grief that all of you are feeling.....may God bless and help you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Leonard DeGiorgi##imported-end##

November 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Doris, We were very saddened to hear of Will's passing. He was an active and generous member of the Knights of Columbus. We appreciate that you shared his time with us. If we can be of any assistance to you, please call me 232-1319 or contact any member of the Knights of Columbus.
Sincerely,
Michael A. DeConti, Grand Knight
MONSIGNOR JOHN F CALLAHAN COUNCIL of WEST
HARTFORD
Knights of Columbus, Council 3600##imported-begin##Michael A. DeConti##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Doris, we are thinking of you today with deep and sincere sympathy. Bill was a good Knight and will be missed. May you and your family find comfort in this time of sorrow. Sincerely, Bob and Blanche Randall##imported-begin##Bob&Blanche Randall##imported-end##

November 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Doris : I'm truly sorry at Bill's passing.I enjoyed his company,his devotion to the Knights of Columbus and his enthusiasm for life.I'll miss Bill greatly.My prayers go out for his soul and for consolation for you and your children.I'm sure Bill is with God and I ask God to bless and strengthen you all.John Daly###imported-begin##John F. Daly III###imported-end##*

November 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM