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John Patrick Donohue '50



John Patrick Donohue, 78, passed away peacefully February 28, 2011. John was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 29, 1932 to Mary E. Kelly and Nicholas C. Donohue. He was a lifetime resident of Upper Darby, PA, until his retirement in 1993. He attended West Catholic High School for Boys in Philadelphia, and graduated in 1950. He received his Bachelor of Arts in 1954 from The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. He graduated from Eckels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, PA. John was the founder/owner of The John P. Donohue Funeral Home Inc. of Walnut St. at Copley Road in Upper Darby, PA from 1963 until his retirement in 1993.

He was a lifetime active member of St. Alice Catholic Church in Upper Darby, PA, where he was a lector and cantor for many years. In addition to his business and the church, he held active membership in the following organizations: The National Funeral Directors Association of Pennsylvania and Delaware County, Pennsylvania Pre-Need Association, International Order of the Golden Rule, De La Salle Knights of Columbus # 590, Springfield, PA, Cardinal Dougherty General Assembly Knights of Columbus of Philadelphia, The University of Notre Dame Club of Philadelphia and Maine, the Board of Directors of the Alician Federal Credit Union, and Area Governor of Toastmasters International, where he received many awards for public speaking. He was very active in politics as a Committee Man in Upper Darby, PA. After retiring to Sullivan, Maine in 1993, he became a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellsworth where he served on the Cemetery Committee. His lifetime interest in history and sailing, led him to become a member of the Historical Society of Sullivan, Maine and the Friendship Sloop Society.

Survivors: His wife of 49 years Mary D. (Cissie) Donohue of Sullivan, ME; his 4 children M. Brett Donohue Obal and her husband Dwight E. Obal of West Grove, PA, A. Kristine Donohue and partner Christina Webber of Yarmouth, ME, Celeste Donohue of North Hollywood, CA and John P. Donohue III of Hollywood, CA, grandson Patrick Donohue Obal, 3 sisters Mary T. Lintner of Punta Gorda, FL, Joan Pizoli and husband William F. Pizoli of Pittsburgh, PA and Anne Speitel of Lancaster, PA; many loved nieces, nephews, grand- nieces and nephews and lifetime friends.

Celebration of John's Life will be held in Philadelphia and Maine at the convenience of the family. Contributions in John's memory may be made to West Catholic High School for Boys, 4501 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19139.