
Francis J. Dougherty

Francis J. Dougherty, 78, a resident of Mountain Top, passed into eternal life Thursday evening, Sept. 17, 2015, following a lingering illness.

Born Oct. 20, 1936, in Lost Creek, Schuylkill County, he was the son of the late Joseph and Eleanor (Early) Dougherty. He was a graduate of West Mahanoy Township High School.

Following his education, Mr. Dougherty proudly served our country with the [U.S. Navy](#).

After his military service, Mr. Dougherty furthered his education by attending trade schooling in New Jersey.

Until his retirement, Frank was employed as a press operator by Mideast Aluminum Co. of Mountain Top for more than 40 years.

Married on Sept. 18, 1965, he and his beloved wife, the former Trudy K. Donlevy, would have celebrated 50 years of married life together the day following his passing.

Mr. Dougherty was a member of American Legion Post 781 in Mountain Top, having served as past commander and treasurer for more than 40 years. He also held membership in Knights of Columbus Council 6440, Mountain Top, and was a fourth-degree knight with the Bishop William Hafey Assembly.

Frank is remembered by family and friends as being a big fan of the Philadelphia Phillies and Notre Dame Fightin' Irish football, and was an avid dart player.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Ann Marie English, and by a brother, Mr. Joseph Dougherty.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Trudy, at home, are the couple's children, Francine Wozinski and her husband, Mark, Mountain Top; Sharon Geffert and her husband, David, Glenmore; and Joseph Dougherty and his wife, Antoinette, Pottstown; grandchildren, including Kyle, Michael and Jillian Geffert and Sarah and Emily Dougherty; a sister, Mrs. Rose Chiaretti and her husband, Joseph, Girardville; and several nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Dougherty will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Monday from the Wilkes-Barre Heights location of John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes Inc., 281 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Jude Roman Catholic Church, 420 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top.

Interment with Rite of Committal will follow in Calvary Diocesan Roman Catholic Cemetery, Drums section of Butler Township, where military honors will be accorded him by the U.S. Navy.

Relatives and friends may join the Dougherty family for visitation and remembrances from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of floral tributes, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Dougherty's memory to the Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, 1500 Paxton St., Suite 101, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

To send Trudy and her family online words of comfort support and friendship at this time, please visit our family's website at www.JohnVMorrisFuneralHomes.com.

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