
Joseph B. Farrell

Joseph B. Farrell, Esq., 89, a resident of Mountain Top for more than 40 years, passed away Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Providence Place, Drums.

Born in Lykens, he was the son of the late Michael and Anna Marie Moore Farrell. He was a graduate of Elmer L. Meyers High School, Class of 1940, and subsequently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bucknell University, and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Upon graduation from law school, he joined the law firm of Johnston and Pope and later became associated with the law firm of Flood, Brown, Hourigan and Farrell.

He was also associated with Attorney Francis P. Burns. Attorney Farrell was later associated in the practice of law with his nephew, Carl N. Frank, and Harry P. Mattern.

He served as counsel to the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Board of Review for several years, after which he was appointed supervisor of the Unemployment Compensation Referees in central Pennsylvania and remained in that capacity until 1981.

He served as solicitor for the townships of Fairview, Wright, Dorrance, Slocum, Dennison and Rice, and the borough of Penn Lake Park. He also served as solicitor for the Crestwood School District for many years and served as counsel for St. Jude's Catholic Church, Mountain Top.

He was an [Army](#) veteran of [World War II](#), serving with 148th Combat Engineer Battalion in the European Theater of Operations and was awarded five battle stars.

He was a member of St. Jude's Roman Catholic Church, Mountain Top, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.

He was also a member of Knights of Columbus Council 6440, Mountain Top, and its fourth degree and a past president of the Lions Club Mountain Top Chapter.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Michael, Robert, John, Mark, Eugene, Francis, Thomas and Hubert; sisters, Mary, Kathleen, Margaret, Ann and Elizabeth.

Surviving, in addition to his loving wife of 48 years, the former Mary Sweeney, are a son, Joseph Jr., Pasadena, Calif.; a daughter, Anne Marie Farrell, Arlington, Va.; grandchildren, Joseph III and Ryan Farrell; Ian Newton.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday from Desiderio Funeral Home Inc., 436 S. Mountain Blvd., state Route 309, Mountain Top, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Roman Catholic Church, Mountain Top, and interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family requests no floral arrangements. Memorial donations in Joseph's name may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) or the [American Heart Association](#) .

Online condolences may be expressed at www.desideriofh.com.

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