



Donald Rieger

September 22, 1917 - November 7, 2010

Died November 7, 2010 after a long and full life. He was born in New Haven September 22, 1917, the son of George Francis Rieger and Katherine (Gleason) Rieger. As a boy, he was a gifted singer who performed in the choir of his Catholic church and in the choir of a Protestant church across town. (He did not mention the latter to his priest.) A boy scout in his youth, Don was a model of rectitude his whole life. He was a graduate of Hillhouse High School. In the navy in World War II he was instrumental in organizing and operating the fleet mail facility in Little Creek, Virginia. After the war he took up his lifelong career at the New Haven Post Office. As a letter carrier he was president of the Letter Carriers Association. Over the years he rose through the Post Office ranks, and at the time of his retirement was Customer Service Director responsible for all mail delivery in Greater New Haven and beyond. In retirement he he was active in the New Haven Gaelic Football, and Hurling Club, National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Ridge Road Seniors. At his death. he was still living in the North Haven home he had built with his own hands 58 years before. He was predeceased by his wife Myrtle (Murphy) Rieger, by his two brothers, George and Gordon. and by his sister Virginia. He is survived by his sisters Ann Sullivan and Katherine Wilbur. He is also survived by his daughter Carolyn Hosey and her husband Pat of Hamden and by his son Donald Jr. and his wife Sally of Simsbury. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Sat. morning at 9:30.

Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 10:00. Burial will follow in St. Marys Cemetery. Friends may call Fri. from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked in the P.O. for a year ('58-59) while Don was one of the assistant superintendents. He set a fine example as a leader and mentor. You were fortunate to have him for so many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Charles Starbranch - November 13, 2010 at 09:46 AM

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“ To the Rieger and Hosey families. Our deepest sympathy. May the Leprechauns be near you to spread good luck along your way. May all of the Irish angels smile on you today. Jane and Honoria McGuire

Jane B McGuire - November 11, 2010 at 02:29 PM