



Donald L. Lafrance

April 3, 1928 - September 10, 2009

Donald Leo LaFrance, 81, of 88 Autumn Drive, North Adams, died Thursday morning, Sept. 10th, at Melbourne Place in Pittsfield.

He was born in Adams on April 3, 1928, a son of the late Leo and Anna (Rudd) LaFrance. He attended Adams schools, and graduated from the former Adams High School in 1946. He also attended Northeastern University in Boston.

He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the 24th Signal Service Battalion of the US Army from 1951 until his Honorable Discharge as a Corporal in 1953.

From an early age, Mr. LaFrance worked at his parents' grocery store, the former Leo's Market, on Commercial St. in Adams. He was also instrumental in facilitating the building and opening of the former First National Stores in Adams.

In 1961, he decided to pursue a career as an investment broker and joined the Walter DeIDotto & Co. investment firm of Fitzwilliam, N.H., which later merged with Burbank & Co. of Boston in 1972. Ten years later, Burbank merged with A.G. Edwards & Sons, where he would become Vice President of Investments. In 1988, Don opened the Adams branch of A.G. Edwards, with his wife, Eleanor, as his executive secretary. They operated the Adams branch until they retired in 1993.

He was a communicant of the Parish of Pope John Paul the Great, Adams, and was an active communicant of the former Parish of Notre Dame & St.

Thomas Aquinas, Adams, where he served on many parish committees. He was a former member of the Town of Adams Finance Committee, a Past President of the Adams Chamber of Commerce, a Trustee and member of the Board of Investment of South Adams Savings Bank, a Corporator of the former North Adams State College Foundation and a member of its Trust & Endowment Fund Committee. He was also a past director and member of the Adams Lions Club for over 50 years.

His wife of 59 years, the former Eleanor M. Boisvert, whom he married on September 4, 1950, died on July 13, 2009.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Carol Atwater and her husband, Donald, of Dalton, MA and Jane Kulpa and her husband, David, of Hollis, N.H.;

1 son, James LaFrance and his wife, Melissa, of Dalton, MA;

5 Grandchildren, Daniel Wallace of Watervliet, N.Y., Lindsay LaFrance of Dalton, MA and Kari, Erika and Jeffrey Kulpa of Hollis, N.H.

2 brothers, Richard LaFrance of Cheshire, and David LaFrance of Southwick, MA;

1 sister, Margaret Rancatti of Adams, and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces & grandnephews.

The funeral will be held on Monday, Sept. 14th, at 9:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in the Parish Church of Pope John Paul the Great, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Daniel J. Boyle, Pastor. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Sunday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire through the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family Members of Donald:

Rene' and I were sorry to hear of Don's passing. We have lost two very dear friends this year. Our thoughts are of you during this time of sorrow.

Love, Rene' and Marilyn

June 07, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ Dear Jane, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. It must be hard so soon after loosing your mom. My heart goes out to you.

Judy Whitman

June 07, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences. May these words of Jesus be of comfort to you. John 5:28,29 This has help my family and me, may this console you.

September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jane and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of your father's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Regards,
George and Ann Robinson*

September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Don and most recently, 'his Ellie'. Two very wonderful people who were always so kind to my family. Will miss visiting them, and listening about the deep love and pride they shared about their children and grandchildren. Rest in peace.
Our Love,
Theresa, Randy & Shannon Schickler, Tommy Brown and Gertrude Kennedy.

September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim, we are very sorry about this sad loss for you and your family. Our condolences to all of you.

September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM