



Mr. Ransom "Benny" DeCoigne

January 22, 1922 - June 28, 2016

Mr. Ransom Benjamin "Benny" DeCoigne, 94, of 202 North Summer St. Adams, died Tuesday afternoon, June 28, 2016.

He was born in Adams on January 22, 1922, a son of the late Ransom and Irene (Delancey) DeCoigne, and attended local schools.

Benny first worked at the former Berkshire Mills in Adams, until he joined the US Army in 1942. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Company B of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and fought all throughout Europe until his Honorable Discharge as a Staff Sergeant in 1945. He was awarded several decorations, including the Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

After the war, Benny returned to Adams, where he married the former Lottie Ziembra on May 4, 1946, and they took up residence at 202 North Summer St., where he lived for the rest of his life. He became a custodian for the Adams School System at the former Commercial St. School, and later at C.T. Plunkett Memorial School, until his retirement. In his spare time, Benny was an avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed gardening and caring for his numerous dogs and cats.

He was a life member of the Berkshire Lodge of Masons.

His wife, Lottie, died on November 24, 2006.

Benny is survived by his two sons, Ronald DeCoigne and his wife, Martha, of St. Albans, VT, and David DeCoigne of Adams;

Two step grandchildren, Allen Jacobs of Highgate, VT and Amanda Jacobs of St. Albans, VT., and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Wilfred, Frank and Douglas ; and his sisters May Biskup, June Morris, Bessie Day, Elizabeth James and Doris, Alice and Albertine.

At Benny's request, there will be no funeral services. Burial will be private at his family's convenience. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Soldier On, 360 West Housatonic St. Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, Adams, is in charge of arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

DP

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Benny. He had a good life and was very respected by all of us.

Doris Peloquin - June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM

BB

“ I was saddened to learn of Benny' s passing. My Dad (Freddie) and your Dad were 1st cousins. I spent a lot of time with them when I was little.They were good people.Barbara DeCoigne Bessette

Barbara Bessette - June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ I was a student at Commercial Street school and I have always remembered him. He was kind and funny - I remember that he would give a couple Tootsie Pops away to the kids that behaved during recess. Thoughts and prayers. Sue Deeley, Adams MA

June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM

DD

“ Ron,Martha and David....So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.LoveDan and Judy

Dan Desorcie - June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM

ML

“ My condolences to the family and friends. I was a student at Commercial Street School in the 1950s and, like many, have very happy memories of Mr. DeCoigne (as the teachers insisted we address him). To us kids, he was always simply Benny, the very kind man who always had time for everyone. He made a very positive impression on many of us: interesting, funny, and exceedingly kind. He set a great example for how to deal with young energetic kids, and I dare say that a very large number of us remember him very fondly. A life well lived and more influential than one might guess. A salute to one of my first friends!

Michael Leonesio - June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM

CL

“ David, you may remember me as a classmate in HVHS's class of 1971. My condolences to you and your family on your father's passing. Your dad was an incredibly positive influence on an entire generation of baby boomers who passed through Commercial Street School. You couldn't have asked for a better male role model in an era when nearly all elementary school teachers were women. He made every kid feel special, myself included, and I have fond memories of him sharing his WWII photo albums with me. He was an extraordinary person who brought a lot of dedication and joy to his work, and knowing him as a child was a daily lesson in kindness and grace. Truly a life lived well.

Chris Leonesio - June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM

RR

“ Living next door to the Commercial Street school as well as being a student there, I can't remember how many times he chased us off the school lawn when we were playing ball. He really cared about that school. I can remember hanging around the school with him during PTA Meetings. You will not see that kind of dedication again.

Rick Raschdorf - June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM

LM

“ I went to Commercial Street School and remember Benny shooing us off the lawns as well when we were playing touch football. Really brings back great memories. He was a super person. Will keep him in my memories always.. R.I.p.

Linda McConnell - June 07, 2018 at 11:27 AM