



Richard H. Narrigan

July 24, 1918 - October 31, 2011

Richard H. Narrigan of Bryn Mawr, age 93, died peacefully in his home at the Beaumont Retirement Community on October 31, 2011. He was married 67 years to Sally (Seelbach) Narrigan. Mr. Narrigan was born July 24, 1918 and was raised in Narberth where he attended Narberth Grade School and Lower Merion High School. Following high school he worked in various jobs, including Western Union, where he observed the aftermath of the Hindenberg crash. During the depression he was employed by the Public Works department, working on streets and sewers. Following the attacks on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Mr. Narrigan enlisted in the Coast Guard where he worked at a life boat station and on a fire boat. He met his wife Sally on a blind date and they were married in 1944. Shortly thereafter he was deployed to North Africa on the S.S. Gladwyne where the Coast Guard was escorting troop convoys.

After he was discharged he went to work for Sally's father at the Cleveland Range Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. After three years there he returned to Narberth where he worked as a salesman for the Dragon Cement Co. When his father, Clifford, suddenly became ill Richard stepped in to manage his father's insurance business. Once his dad recovered they became partners until Clifford retired. Over the course of 38 years he built the business into a large brokerage, buying ten other businesses. Also during those years Mr. Narrigan took an interest in real estate, buying, renovating and selling properties in the Narberth Boro. In 1972, he purchased an office building in Radnor where he

moved his insurance business. He continued to manage this property after retiring from his business, coming to work each day until he was 90 years old.

Mr. Narrigan volunteered many hours, over many years for such charitable organizations as Presbyterian Homes and Services, The Chapin Memorial Home for the aged and blind, The Philadelphia Presbytery, Wynnewood Civic Association and was an active member in the Narberth Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Deborah of Nashville Tn., Thomas and his wife Beverly of Longmeadow, Ma., William and his wife Kathleen of Bryn Mawr, Pa. and James and his wife Kathleen of Collegeville, Pa. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, Elizabeth, Eloise, Timothy, Paul, Andra, Michael, Cameron and Sean Narrigan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday November 19, 2011 at 11 a.m. in the Narberth Presbyterian Church, Windsor and Grayling Aves., Narberth, Pa. 19072. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to the Narberth Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Narberth Presbyterian Church
205 Grayling Avenue
Narberth, PA 19072

Tribute Wall



“ so sorry for your loss. Dick was a good friend. He will be missed.

Regards,

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