

Frank J. De Cotis

De Cotis, Frank J. WATERVLIET Frank J. De Cotis, a lifelong resident of Watervliet, passed into eternal life surrounded by his family on October 29, 2015. Frank was the son of Antonio and Maria De Cotis. He was predeceased by his parents, his sisters, Mary Louise (Louise) DeCotis, Rose Smith of Lake City, Fla., Molly Burnside and Mary DeCotis; and a brother, John De Cotis (Florence). He is survived by his sister, Sister Gloria De Cotis, CSJ; and his devoted wife, Shirley, of 34 years. Frank graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1940. After graduation he was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps and was a member of the 16th Weather Division stationed in Alberta, Canada. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He then attended and graduated from Siena College graduating in 1949. After Siena, he graduated from the Cornell Law School in 1953. Prior to his marriage to his wife, Shirley, he was married to the former Kathryn Van De Car, who predeceased him in August of 1976. He is also survived by a son, Henry A. De Cotis (Barbara); and two grandchildren, Christopher M. De Cotis and Susan Crew (Geoff). Frank is also survived by four stepchildren, Michael Pastore, Donna Malinoski, Gregory King, and Gary King; three grandchildren, Bryan King, Eric King and Michael Groves (Lisa). He was proud of his great-grandchildren, Marinda Cohn, Madison, Adam, Mathew and Lauren Groves. He is also survived by several nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces. After graduation from Cornell, Frank entered into private practice in Troy, associating with Seymour Fox for many years. He was active in politics, serving as assistant city judge in Watervliet. In 1968, Frank left private practice and accepted a position with the New York State Department of Health, Counsel's Office where he spent his entire State career. After 33 years of State service, he retired in 2001 at the age of 80. He continued a limited practice for the next 10 years working on family matters and performing pro bono work. He was an active life member of the Watervliet VFW Post No. 729 and the Watervliet Elks Lodge No 1500. He especially enjoyed bowling at the Elks and the Cohoes Bowling Arena, golf and a friendly game of poker with his long-time friends, Pete DiPofi, Phil Light, Paul Conley, Bill Anderson, Jim Chartrand and others who enjoyed their time with Frank. The family would also like to thank all of the health care professionals who attended to Frank and compassionately cared for him in his final days, especially Dr. Tahir Effendi who visited Frank at home during his final days. Services will be held from Cummings Funeral Home, 643 Third Ave. in Watervliet. Friends and family are invited to calling hours at the funeral home on Sunday, November 1, 2015, from 3 to 7 p.m. A Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on 25th Street and 7th Avenue (2416 7th Ave., Watervliet, 12189) on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands. In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's name may be made to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Watervliet, or the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Albany, NY 12204. Please visit cummingsfuneralhome.com to light a candle, leave a condolence message and for directions.