



Mr. Joseph H. Nolan

April 5, 1930 - July 3, 2022

Joseph H. Nolan, 92, Lenox native and resident, died early Sunday morning on July 3, 2022.

Born April 5, 1930, the son of James and Ann Gallagher Nolan, he attended local schools, was a 1949 graduate of Lenox High School, where he met his wife of 70 years. He later attended Berkshire Business College, American International College in Springfield and BCC.

He served in the US Army with the 43rd infantry division in Germany during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, he began his career in 1953 as clerk at the Lenox Post Office, and in 1958 he became Postmaster in Lenox, the youngest in the country. He was appointed Pittsfield Postmaster in 1974, with responsibility for all Berkshire County post offices and Southern Vermont. In 1979, he was appointed Postmaster of the Hartford, CT Post Office and manager of 61 area post offices. After completing Harvard's Senior Executive Fellows Program in 1981, he attended Harvard's Kennedy School of Government full time, and earned his Masters Degree in Public Administration in 1983. In 1985 he was appointed as Regional Director of Marketing and Communications for the Northeast United States.

He was a life-long communicant of St. Ann Church. He belonged to the Lenox Democratic Town Committee, was a charter member and trustee of the Conklin- Lane-Coakley VFW Post #12079, and for 35 years served as a trustee and member of the executive committee at Lenox Savings Bank, later Berkshire Bank. He served his community for many years as volunteer

firefighter, and received an award in 1971 recognizing his rescue of a man trapped in a downtown block earlier that year. He was elected to the Lenox Board of Selectmen in 1989, and working with others accomplished many goals over the next several years. During the 1960's, he posed for 2 Norman Rockwell paintings, including one featured in a 1969 edition of Look Magazine where he wore astronaut Frank Borman's space suit. He was proud to be a 4th generation native of Lenox. He loved his hometown and the many people he

met and befriended throughout the years. His family will miss his constant support, optimism and sense of humor.

Joe is survived by his wife, Cathleen Cadorette Nolan of Lenox; three sons, David Nolan and his wife Lisa of Pittsfield, Marc Nolan and his wife Lyda of Pittsfield and their son Carlo, and Joseph P. Nolan of Lenox; and his sister, Theresa Noyes and her husband Peter of Lenox. Besides his parents he is predeceased by his son Peter J.

Nolan, his step-mother Hazel Durant Nolan, and his brother John Nolan.

A private burial at Mountain View Cemetery will be serviced by Rev.

Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor. A memorial will be announced at a later date. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations in Joe's memory may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or Berkshire Humane Society in care of ROCHE

FUNERAL HOME, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.