



Mr. John Henry Behan

October 26, 1927 - September 19, 2014

Mr. John Henry Behan, age 86, passed away on Friday, September 19, 2014 at The Abraham House.

Born in Bronx, NY on October 26, 1927, John was the son of the late John H., Sr. and Mary (Fiori) Behan. He was raised and educated in Brooklyn. Upon graduation from high school, he attended Fordham University for 2 years then left to enlist in the United States Air Force because aviation became his calling. Ultimately, John devoted 30 years of service to the US Air Force beginning in 1945. On July 21, 1984 he married the former Jenny Mancuso with whom he shared 30 years in an enduring relationship based on love and understanding; John and Jenny were proof that opposites really do attract. In addition to his military service, John worked as an Air Traffic Controller at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome and also held a position with the General Electric Company in the Engineering Department during the evening shift. Blessed with an exceptional work ethic, John analyzed issues methodically and in measured steps. With logic and reasoning in the repertoire of his skills, he could fly an aircraft or solve any problems. He was intelligent and handy, and loyal, attributes that allowed him to make a wonderful home and form valued friendships. True to his military training, he was meticulous, organized, and took pride in his possessions. His primary pastime was collecting model trains. Later in life, John opened his heart to God and was dedicated to delivering the "Our Daily Bread" booklets in order to spread the word of the Lord. He practiced his Catholic faith at Historic Old St. John's Church.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Jenny; his many cousins, especially Virginia and Bill Tuttle, and Margaret Calabrese; his sister-in-law, Rosemarie Mancuso; and family friends, Marge Piper, Joann Cucci, Marion Nicalaichuk, Bruce and Helena Vennette, Rob and Cathy Alberico, and Karen Kuznia. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Louis A. Mancuso.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend John's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler and con-celebrant Rev. John Flanagan. Military Honors will be conferred by the United States Air Force. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

Utica, NY