



John J. Doyle Jr.

November 6, 1932 - August 12, 2019

Exeter, NH- John J. Doyle, Jr., 86, passed away on August 12, 2019 at Riverwoods in Exeter, NH where he had lived since December. He was the husband of the late Elaine M. (Sirois) Doyle.

Born in Peabody on November 6, 1932, he was the son of the late John and Katherine (McLaughlin) Doyle. John was raised and educated in Peabody and graduated from Peabody High School. He went on to receive his bachelor's and master's degree from Salem State College. John was Vice Principal and teacher at the Center School for forty years in the City of Peabody. He was a member of the 2nd Corps. of Cadets, based at the Salem Armory and served in the National Guard for twenty years.

Known to his grandchildren and many others that loved him as "Pa," John enjoyed skiing in the Mount Washington Valley, snapping along to songs during Happy Hour at the Shannon Door Pub, Jackson, NH, West Beach days in Beverly Farms and gardening, wherever he found himself spending time. He loved time with his family and friends; especially reading to his grandchildren when they were young. Never one to sit still, he could often be found with a paint brush or weeding stick in his hand and a kid by his side. He was a lifelong educator and learner. He never went anywhere that he didn't find a historical connection to. John and Elaine loved to travel, both in the US and to Canada and Europe. He was a history buff, who enjoyed reading and discussing history as much as he could on the subject.

He is survived by his daughter, Marie E. Doyle of Seabrook, his grandchildren, Katherine Elizabeth, Roger Doyle, Hannah Marie and Michael Joseph Ellis and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Claire Doyle Ellis and his sister, Jane Bell.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9AM on Monday, August 19, 2019 in Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, 24 Conant St., Danvers. Burial will follow in Annunciation Cemetery, Danvers. Visitation will be held from 4-7PM on Sunday at C.R. Lyons & Sons,

Funeral Directors, 28 Elm St., Danvers. In lieu of cut flowers, please send perennial flowers, so his memory will live on with them or donations in John's name to Peabody Scholarship, c/o Riverwoods Exeter, 7 Riverwoods Dr., Exeter, NH 03833 or Cara Rince Scholarship Fund, c/o Murray Academy of Irish Dance, P.O. Box 70, Stratham, NH 03885.

Cemetery

Annunciation Cemetery

155 Hobart St.

Danvers, MA, 01923

Events

AUG **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Lyons Funeral Home

28 Elm Street, Danvers, MA, US, 01923

AUG **Funeral Mass** 09:00AM

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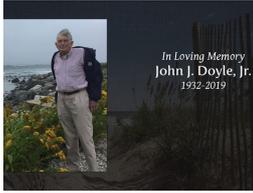
Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church

24 Conant Street, Danvers, MA, US, 01923

Comments



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Lyons Funeral Home - August 18, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ Dear Marie - please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your Dad. We are parishioners at Our Lady of the Mountains in North Conway, NH & had the privilege to know both your parents. They were a wonderful example of love & Faith. We pray that as your grief subsides, you will be filled with many happy memories. With prayers, Joanne & Joe Grdinich

Joanne Grdinich - August 28, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ Mr. Doyle was quite a guy. I am a former Center School student of his from the mid '60's. He ran a tight ship with his classes. He could throw a look at you (all he needed to do) to keep you instantly in line. However, he could toss his head back and let out a great laugh and relate some interesting stories. While other classes were sweltering upstairs, he would take his homeroom out to play kickball on the front lawn of the school to burn off some of the kids' energy. He could certainly boot the ball a long way himself - could have been an NFL punter. The Big Fella made a difference for a lot of his students, he was one of the good guys. -Pete Mulholland, Pepperell, MA

Pete Mulholland - August 17, 2019 at 05:49 PM