

Charles E. Anderson Jr.

Charles E. Anderson Jr., 85 of Sea Girt, passed away Monday March 15 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune with his devoted family by his side.

Charles was born in Rockaway Beach, Queens, N.Y., and attended Fordham University. Charles lived in New York City and Tarrytown, N.Y. before moving to Sea Girt in 1955 residing there until 2008. As a resident of Sea Girt, Charles was a faithful communicant of St. Mark's Church, a member of the Holy Name Society, and he had started the "Dare to Care" program for the church.

After moving to Manasquan in 2008, Charles became a parishioner of St. Denis Church. He was very athletically inclined and formed the High School CYO Basketball program which lasted for 15 years at St. Mark's. He took up running at the age of 50 and participated in several of the more prominent marathons including the NYC Marathon. He had served in the US Army Air Force in World War II as a Staff Sergeant receiving a Purple Heart for injuries received when the B-26 bomber he was in was shot down. Charles had been employed in the automobile and trucking industries all of his life primarily by Mack Trucks.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Patricia Anderson in 1988, and two of his three sisters, Virginia and Marguerite.

He is survived by his sister Dolores LaDotti. Surviving are his children and their spouses James E. and Joan Anderson, of Richmond, Va., Thomas V. Anderson and Lucia Cartes, of Sonoita, Ariz., Patricia M. "Mimi" and William Arnold, of North Yarmouth, Maine, and Peter C. Anderson. Also surviving are his five grandchildren, James E. Anderson Jr., Erin M. Anderson, Shane B. Arnold and Galen P. Arnold and Colin Anderson-Smits.

Relatives and friends are invited to call today, Thursday, March 18 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the O'Brien Funeral Home, 2028 Highway 35 at New Bedford Road, Wall, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday March 19, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Denis Church, Manasquan. Interment will be in the family plot in St. Catharine's Cemetery, Wall.

For further information or to send condolences to the family visit www.obrienfuneralhome.com.

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