

Hugh J. Doyle

Friday, October 21, 2005

Hugh Joseph Doyle, 74, died October 17, 2005, after living many years with carcinoid cancer. He was the husband of Eleanor Griffith Doyle, a former Newburyport kindergarten teacher at the Belleville School (now Bresnahan School).

Born in Newburyport, November 22, 1930, Mr. Doyle was the son of Jeremiah W. Doyle Jr. and Katherine E. (O'Connell) Doyle.

He graduated from Newburyport High School in 1948. Following his graduation from Boston College, he served as a lieutenant in the Army. He then received a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law in 1957. After his association with a Boston law firm, he opened his law office in Newburyport where he specialized in real estate and estate law for over 40 years. Mr. Doyle served as Newburyport's city solicitor under the administrations of Mayors Albert H. Zabriski and George N. Lawler Jr.

Mr. Doyle served as general counsel for the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority for a period of 30 years from its inception in 1960. He also served as a longtime trustee of the Institution for Savings in Newburyport. He was a lifetime member of The Hundred Club of Massachusetts, which benefits the families of members of firefighters, the police force and other public safety personnel in Massachusetts who are killed in the line of duty.

Mr. Doyle helped to organize and served as the president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and being with his family and friends. He had a special fondness for the city of Newburyport and often reflected on the success of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority's efforts to restore the downtown area and revitalize the city's economy.

Mr. Doyle is survived by four daughters, Anne E. Doyle and her husband, James H. Stock, of Lincoln, Joan M. Doyle of Oakland, Calif., Kathleen M. Doyle and her husband, James H. Graves, of Middletown Spring, Vt.; and Susan E. Doyle and her husband, Peter J. Britz, of Newbury; his grandchildren, Christopher Stock, Corey Stock, John Hugh Graves, Daniel Graves, Turner Britz and Zachary Britz; his brother, Jeremiah W. Doyle III of Newburyport; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was also the brother of the late Katherine M. Kelley of Newburyport who died in 1978 and his twin, John Doyle, who died in 1944.

Funeral services were held October 20 from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Newburyport. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Newburyport. Arrangements were by the Twomey-LeBlanc Funeral Home of Newburyport.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green St., Newburyport, MA 01950 or to the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation, 1 Kendall Square, Number 180, Cambridge, MA 02139, www.caringforcarcinoid.org.