

**OBITUARIES**

**Frederick C.B. Smyth, Sr. 76**

Frederick C.B. Smyth, Sr., 76, of 17 Friendship St., Jamestown, died Sunday, June 29, 2008 at home. He was the husband of the late Ellen Norma (Whaley) Smyth.



Born in Newport on June 24, 1932, he was the son of the late William R. and Elizabeth (Brewster) Smyth.

A 1951 graduate of Rogers High School and a 1967 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, he received his law degree in 1971 from Suffolk University Law School. Smyth joined the Jamestown Police Department in 1953, becoming Chief in 1956 until his retirement in 1974.

He had a private law practice from 1974 until 1979 when he became the Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Rhode Island. He returned to private practice until he became Hearing Officer for the Department of Workers Compensation and Department of Labor Training. In 1997, he became Chief Hearing Officer for the Department of Labor and Training Board of Review until his death.

In October of 1966, he was appointed by Governor John Chafee to the First Special Commission to study the general upgrading of police services in Rhode Island. In June 1969, he was appointed by Governor Frank Licht to the first Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training established under the General Laws of Rhode Island, and in June of 1971 was appointed by Governor Licht as Chairman of this commission,

which was responsible for establishing the first mandatory police training academy for all new municipal law enforcement officers throughout the state, excluding the City of Providence.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, he was a former vestry member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, past president and team coach of the Jamestown Little League, former chairman, and also on the board of directors of the Jamestown Boys Club.

He is survived by his son Frederick C. B. Smyth, Jr. of Jamestown, his daughters, Barbara A. Whitaker and her husband Mel of Jamestown, and Susan J. Smyth of Newport, his brother William R. Smyth, Jr. of Del Ray Beach, Fla., his grandchildren, Melanie Whitaker of Jamestown, Kristin Gouveia and her husband Alan of Jamestown, Megan Jones and her husband Jeremy of Wakefield and Sarah Smyth of Jamestown, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

His funeral will be private. Donations in his memory may be made to the Robert Potter League for Animals, P.O. Box 412, Newport, RI 02840 or to St. Matthew's Church, 87 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835.

**Memorial for Roger E. Vaughn planned**

A memorial service for Roger E. Vaughn, beloved husband of M.F. "Friday" Vaughn, will be held at St. Matthew's Church Memorial Garden on July 11, at 11:30 a.m.

**Florence Verducci, 95**

Florence "Nonnie" (DeCorpe) Verducci, 95, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died Monday, June 23, 2008. She was the wife of the late Giacomo Verducci.



She is survived

by two daughters, Isabelle Verducci of Jamestown and Florence Manfredi of Scottsdale, Ariz., and a sister, Ida Di Pippo. She was the grandmother of Maribeth Carcieri of Narragansett, Cheryl Corbesero of North Providence, Steven Corbesero of Wrentham, Mass., Jacqui Lawrence, Michael and Edward Manfredi of Scottsdale, Ariz. and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass to celebrate her life will be held at St. Mark Church in Jamestown at a time to be announced.

**Rita C. Vickers, 92**

Rita C. "Sis" (Sullivan) Vickers, 92, of Middletown, died June 28, 2008. She was the wife of the late James J. Vickers, Jr.

Born in Newport, RI, on April 15, 1916, she was a daughter of the late John J. and Annie (McMahon) Sullivan.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and homemaker. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, a member of the Golden Girls Bowling League, an avid card player at the Middletown Senior Center, and a frequent visitor to Newport Grand.

She is survived by her daughter Maureen Edenbach of Portsmouth, her daughter Eileen and son-in-law Dan Shaw of Vienna, Va., her son Michael and daughter-in-law Rebecca Vickers of Portsmouth, her son Robert and daughter-in-law

Jo-Ann Vickers of Jamestown, and son James and daughter-in-law Janet Vickers of Middletown; her grandchildren Scott Vickers, of Brookline, Mass., Kerri Vickers of New York, NY, Robert Edenbach of Tokyo, Japan, Christopher Edenbach of Newport, Kelly Shaw and Ashley Shaw of Vienna, Va., Constance Beck of Braintree, Mass., Nicole Vickers of Portsmouth, and Mei-Ella Vickers of Jamestown; two great-grandchildren, five nieces and five nephews.

She was the sister of the late Anna F. Sullivan, John J. "Mex" Sullivan, James A. "Mex" Sullivan, and Charles X. Sullivan.

A Mass of Christian burial was held July 1 at St. Augustin Church in Newport. The burial was at St. Columba Cemetery in Middletown.

Donations, in her memory, may be made to Lucy's Hearth, 913 West Main Rd., Middletown, RI 02842, The Middletown Rescue Wagon Association, 239 Wyatt Rd., Middletown, RI 02842, or to the American Cancer Society of RI, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Ste 3004, Warwick, RI 02886.

**Groups available for grief support**

Several free bereavement groups are meeting across the state to help those mourning the loss of a loved one.

Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island, the largest and most comprehensive hospice in the state offers the groups at several locations.

Groups are located at the Greenville Public Library on the third Monday of the month; at the Elmhurst Extended Care facility in Providence on the first Wednesday of the month and there is a bereavement knitting club on the first and third Monday of each month at Yarn at Lace Wings, 761 Bald Hill Rd., in Warwick.

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