



## Dennis J. McAuliffe

September 7, 2020

Dennis J. McAuliffe, 96, of North Scituate, passed away at home on September 7, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Eleanor (Sousa) McAuliffe and the late Helen (McNamara) McAuliffe.

Dennis served in the Army Air Force during WWII where he was awarded the Purple Heart when he and his crewmates were forced to bail out onto Iwo Jima. As a life-long educator he taught elementary grades in the Providence, Scituate and Warwick School Departments before retiring as principle of the Norwood School in Warwick. He was also a long time member and a past Grand Knight of the Father Feeney Council #7110 Knights of Columbus from St. Joseph's Parish in Scituate.

Among his passions were playing tennis which he did well into his eighties and playing Hi Lo Jack weekly with a group of friends from the Warwick school department, a group of friends from Scituate, at the Warwick Senior Center as well as twice a month with the Knights. Dennis was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing updates on how his vegetables were coming along. He loved to travel, enthusiastically planned his trips and visited over 25 countries.

Dennis is survived by his son Dennis McAuliffe of Center Harbor, NH and his daughters Mary Selker of Wellesley, MA and her husband Harry and Helen Rotella of Greenville, RI and her husband Lou. He is also survived by four adoring grandchildren: Matthew Rotella, Kristen Gahan, Paul Selker and Kate Selker as well as five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Frederick and Emma (Bernier) McAuliffe, brothers William and Frederick McAuliffe, sisters Emma McAuliffe, Leona Tessier and Mary Raleigh and his daughter-in-law Evelyn McAuliffe.

Dennis took great pride in his building/construction projects that ranged from changing tables and doll cradles to the house he lived in as well as the house next door. In lieu of flowers, please donate in his memory to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Providence, P.O. Box 603394, Providence, RI 02906.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday September 12th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Danielson Pike, Scituate. Burial with military honors will be in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket. Calling hours are respectfully omitted. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Francis Cemetery

202 Smithfield Avenue  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church  
144 Danielson Pike  
Scituate, RI 02857

# Tribute Wall

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“ It is only now that I learned of Dennis’ passing last year. My maternal grandmother was a Bernier and one of Dennis’ aunts. My mother and he shared a special friendship as cousins growing up. She often spoke of him, always in the nicest way. I had the pleasure of meeting Dennis as a young adult. When my mother passed away in 2017 Dennis paid his respects in person, so I had the privilege of re-meeting him. Dennis made me feel that he held my mother in as high an esteem as she held him. Words cannot express how heartwarming that was for me. It was easy to see why my mother liked him so much. My heart is very full as I write this. Dennis and I barely knew each other, yet he left a lasting positive impression on me. I count myself among the lucky people whose lives were touched by Dennis McAuliffe.

*Kathleen Hall*

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**Kathleen Hall** - December 13, 2021 at 12:43 AM

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“ I will truly miss my fourth grade teacher and very special neighbor. He taught me cursive writing and how to get a hard boiled egg into a bottle! His gifts of garden vegetables were always appreciated. The neighborhood won't be the same without him.

*With Love, Jan Mowry*



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**Janice Mowry** - September 11, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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**David DiSantis** - September 10, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Kate M Selker** - September 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM