James Bryan



BRYAN, JAMES JOSEPH of Cranston died November 19, 2014. He was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (Millerick) for 44 years. He was the devoted father of Susan M. Bryan of Greenville, RI, David J. Bryan, M.D. of Groton, MA and Thomas J. Bryan of Forestdale, RI. He is survived by daughter-in-law Cynthia (Kaplan) Bryan and his beloved granddaughters Emma and Madeline Bryan and many nieces and nephews. He was born in Fall River, MA on December 8, 1923, the son of the late John B. and Mary E. (McGuiness) Bryan, and was predeceased by sisters Catherine Geer and Mary Fischer. He was class of 1941 from Cranston High School. He was employed as an accountant at Ward, Fisher & Company, LLP for 41 years and retired as a partner in 1994. He was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Parish in

Cranston, RI. He enjoyed working in the yard and followed baseball closely but considered his family to be his dearest love. In high school, his athletic ability was identified by baseball scout Eddie Eayrs, and was recruited to be a pitcher for the New York Yankees farm team. After graduating from college, he continued to play professional baseball until he pursued a career in accounting. After finishing three semesters at Brown University, he enlisted and served in World War II as part of the 104th Infantry Division, Anti-Tank Company, 413th Infantry, United States Army. He was selected for the Army Specialized Training program at the City College of New York in Foreign Area and Language. He was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Silver Star for gallantry in Germany, November 15, 1944. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he returned to Brown where he was the captain of the varsity baseball team and graduated in 1948. Jim's funeral will be held Monday, November 24, 2014 at 8:30 am from the Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Home, 142 Centerville Road, Warwick. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 237 Garden Hills Drive, Cranston. Interment with military honors will be at St. Francis Cemetery, Smithfield Avenue, Pawtucket. Visiting Hours TODAY, 5 to 8 pm. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice boyleandsonfuneralhome.com



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