

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Tutrone

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Tutrone, 74, of Cresco, died Tuesday morning, November 20, at Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg. He was the husband of Gail (Young) Luddeni-Tutrone.

Born on January 10, 1938 in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of the late John and Edith (Franchini) Tutrone and lived in Monroe County since 1976 moving from Smithtown, Long Island, NY.

He served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1968.

Bob was a social worker for Carbon-Monroe-Pike M.H.M.R. until retiring in 2004.

He was Bishop Consular and Bishop of Chaplaincy of the Lutheran Evangelical Protestant Church and belonged to the General Conference of Evangelical Protestant Churches. He served as pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Swiftwater for the past six years and also led summer worship services at the Parkside Chapel in Henryville.

He was a life-member and chaplain of the Pocono Township Fire Company and also served as chaplain of several other Monroe County fire companies, the Monroe County Fire Police, the Pocono Township Police Department and the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management. He was director of the Christian Chaplains Corps of America; member and chaplain of the American Legion Post #859 in Newfoundland; member and chaplain of the Monroe County Joint Veterans Memorial Honor Guard; chaplain and director of the Monroe County Veterans' Association; director and chairman of Substance Abuse and PTSD Committee. Other memberships include the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #678, the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), the Chaplains' Committee of the Firemen's Association State of PA, the Pennsylvania Special Fire Police Association and the Disabled American Veterans. He also received firefighter certification from the State University of New York; served as president, viced president and board chairman of the Monroe County Fire Police and was second lieutenant of the Pocono Township Fire Police.

For many years Bob was one of Santa's helpers by representing him in New York and throughout the Monroe County area.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Robert Tutrone and his wife Dianna of Pocono Summit and Edward Tutrone and his wife Laura of Pocono Lake; three step-sons, Michael Luddeni of Ormand Beach, FL, Christopher Luddeni and his wife Sherry of Bath and Daniel Luddeni and his wife Melissa of Cresco; eight grandchildren, Cody Tutrone, Andrew Tutrone, Matthew Tutrone, Katelyn Bensley, Kelly Bensley, Joshua Luddeni, Jeremy Luddeni and Sean Luddeni; a sister, Bernadette Magnani and her husband Giani of Pelhem Manor, NY; a niece, Jill Magnani; two nephews, Adam and Mark Magnani and several cousins.

There will be a viewing from 5:00 to 7:00PM Sunday, November 25, at the William H. Clark Funeral Home, 1003 Main Street, Stroudsburg. The funeral service will begin at 10:00AM Monday, November 26, at the funeral home with Larry Lutz, Jim Mills and Nathan Gilpin officiating. Cremation will take place following the service with private burial in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville.