

## **Toole, Jerome E.**

Jerome E. Toole, 93, retired businessman died peacefully in Naples, Fla.

Born in New York City on July 2, 1914, Mr. Toole grew up in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. where he survived the flu epidemic of 1919. He excelled in sports and received a scholarship to The Newman School.

Mr. Toole served in North Africa and Italy during World War II with the 362nd Infantry and was honorably discharged in 1944.

He and his brothers operated several businesses along the Point Pleasant waterfront including a fish market. In 1948, Mr. Toole met and fell in love with his future wife on the beach in Hollywood, Fla.

In 1956, they moved to Michigan where he owned and operated a general store and real estate business for more than forty years. Mr. Toole served as a commissioner on the Sanilac County Planning Board, a trustee of the Huron County Bank, a school board member of the Harbor Beach Public Schools and volunteered in many other activities.

He relocated to Naples in 1998 where he volunteered with Meals on Wheels and St. Matthews House. He was an active parishioner of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church.

A keen observer of life and politics, Mr. Toole participated in many key events of the 20th Century. Well known among family and friends for his fine conversation and pointed storytelling, he enjoyed life and was a supportive and loving father, brother, and uncle.

He is survived by his five children, Mary J. O'Toole, Darby O'Toole and spouse, Joyce, Pauline Toole and husband, Gene Russianoff, John D. Toole and Anna Toole; his three grandchildren, Jennie Russianoff, Natalie Russianoff and Ann Erin O'Toole; two brothers, Philip O'Toole of Sarasota and John Toole of Point Pleasant Beach and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ann Minnick Toole; and three siblings, William P. Toole, Edith V. Hayes, and Colette Kelly.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at Elizabeth Seton Church, Naples, Fla.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Fuller Funeral Home, 1625 Pine Ridge Road, Naples.

Donations, in memory of Mr. Toole can be made to the St. Labre Indian School, P.O. Box 216, Ashland MT, 59003.