



Thomas O. Ronan

August 25, 2010

Salem, SC -- Thomas O. Ronan, 82, husband of Eileen Flood Ronan, of 11 Golf Green Lane, Salem SC, died Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at Cottingham House in Seneca.

He was born in the Bronx, New York, to the late Thomas O. and Catherine McMahan Ronan. A 1948 graduate of the Maritime Academy at Ft. Schuyler, NY, Mr. Ronan was serving in the Merchant Marine on the Pioneer Dale when it was strafed by Chinese aircraft in 1950. During the Korean conflict, Mr. Ronan was a member of the United States Navy, where he attained the rank of lieutenant (jg). Mr. Ronan continued his service to his country as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation specializing in maritime investigations in Chicago, New York, and Memphis, and was the recipient of numerous awards for marksmanship. Upon his retirement from the FBI in 1977, Mr. Ronan joined the corporate loss prevention division of Holiday Inns of America, where he invented an anti-shim safety device for which a U.S. patent was issued.

During his retirement years in Salem, Mr. Ronan was an avid golfer and bowler, a member of the Keowee Key Nine-Holers and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and was a lector at St. Francis Catholic Church in Walhalla.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, Mr. Ronan is survived by daughters Gail Ronan (Jerold Pace) of Avondale Estates, GA; Susan Ronan (Anthony Tocci) of Potomac, MD; and Elizabeth Kontio (Peter Kontio) of Atlanta, GA; and

grandchildren Jessica Ronan of Nashville, TN; Stephen Ronan of Johnson City, TN; and Ronan Tocci of Potomac, MD, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Stephen T. Ronan, and his sister, Kathleen Woulfe.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at St. Francis Catholic Church in Walhalla on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to OMC Foundation Cottingham House, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas O. Ronan*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are for you to find comfort in the Lord with the passing of Mr. Ronan. It was such a blessing to get know Thomas. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Scarlet Saffer - ##imported-end##*

September 22, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ *My working association with Tom Ronan, Holloway Cromer, Wendell Couch, Tom Whitlach and Bill Cox was 1979-1981 at Holiday Inns Corp. offices when I had the privilege of being one of two admin. assts. in the Corp. Loss Prevention Dept. That brief job still remains as a career highlight, due mainly to those listed above, but especially Mr. Ronan for his wit, knowledge, understanding and love of family.*

My deepest sympathy to the Ronan family in this time of great sorrow.##imported-begin##Dianne (Rasberry) Legg##imported-end##

September 03, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ Gail,

I am very sorry to read about your father. He was quite an accomplished man. I know that his passing leaves a big hole in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Amy Barnes##imported-begin##Amy Barnes##imported-end##

September 02, 2010 at 01:40 PM



“ *May these words of sympathy and cherished memories bring you peace.##imported-begin##Calvin & Lillie Cunningham##imported-end##*

September 01, 2010 at 11:18 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Bob and Bettye Niederhauser##imported-end##*

August 30, 2010 at 06:18 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

He was such a sweet and funny man and such a good friend to our parents. May you know he is happy and at peace.

Love,
The Brewi Kids##imported-begin##Anne Brew
Halteman##imported-end##

August 30, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Jim Harcum##imported-end##

August 29, 2010 at 05:57 PM



“ S/A Tom Ronan showed himself to be a man of great integrity, training, and experience when we worked on joint operations between our two agencies. He will be greatly missed by every law enforcement officer at the city, county, state, or Federal level that had the rare privilege of working with him.##imported-begin##Sgt Jim Williams, Ret., Memphis Police##imported-end##

August 29, 2010 at 03:27 PM



“ It was an honor and pleasure to have cared for Mr. Ronan during his stay at Cottingham Hospice House. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. May the Lord bless you all. Jan##imported-begin##Jan##imported-end##

August 27, 2010 at 09:45 PM