



Theodore "Ted" J. Spellicy

December 12, 2018

Theodore "Ted" J. Spellicy (94) of Sarasota, FL passed away peacefully on December 12, 2018.

Ted was born in upstate New York to the late Theodore and Mary Ann Spellicy. He attended Rome Catholic High School and graduated from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. While in college he was a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and received his commission as Ensign on March 4, 1945. He was then assigned to active duty serving in the amphibious forces (LCI) in the Pacific during World War II. After the war he continued his service for another 30 years as a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve.

It was in Worcester where he met the "love of his life" Elizabeth (Betty) who preceded him in death. Ted and Betty married in 1946 and had 70 "wonderful, wonderful" years together and seven daughters; upon hearing that, people would always declare "Oh your poor father." During that time Ted worked as an accountant for Colorado Fuel & Iron which eventually brought him to Colorado in 1968.

After 24 years in Colorado, Ted & Betty retired to Sarasota, FL where Ted spent many hours walking (11 miles a day on some days) and enjoying the beauty of the Sarasota Bayfront.

In his early years, he was an avid golfer (sinking 2 holes-in-one) and, throughout his life, he nurtured a garden.

He loved playing with all his children and grandchildren and supported them in all their endeavors. He was the perfect role model of patience, kindness, and humility to so many.

He was also an active member in the many Catholic parishes to which he belonged, especially to St. Martha's Parish in Sarasota for 23 years. He loved walking to church every day and prided himself on all the miles he walked every year.

Ted was preceded in death by his brother, James Spellicy of Wellsville, NY, and his sister, Mary Spellicy (a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary) of Latham, NY.

He is survived by his brother Andrew (Maryellen) of Stittville, NY as well as his seven daughters: Mary (Kevin Grennan) Spellicy, Ann Frazier, Eileen (John) Pekarek, Margaret (David Trujillo) Severs, Elizabeth (Gerry Hohenstein) Spellicy, Jean (Tim) Brewer, and Maureen (Rich) Wigdor, nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for February 4, 2019 at 11:30 AM at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810- State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601.

The family wishes to thank all those who care passionately on a daily basis for those affected by Alzheimer's.