

James F Kirwin



James (Frank) Kirwin, 91, of Gilroy Street Newport died Sunday March 4, 2012 at the Village House Nursing Home in Newport, RI. He was the husband of the late Rita M (Kelley) Kirwin. Frank was born in Newport on April 23, 1920. He was the son of the late Joseph and Anna (Sheekey) Kirwin.

He was a graduate of Rogers High School 1939. He began his career in 1946 in Logistics and Materials Management in Saudi Arabia, for the company Aramco. He worked around the world for Mobile Oil Company in West Africa, Caltex in New York and Indonesia and Bechtel Power Division across the United States and returning to Saudi Arabia until his retirement. A veteran of WWII, Frank retired as an Army Sargent. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1 Dennis E. Collins in Newport. He was also a member of ARAMCO retirees.

Frank was an avid tennis player and Newport Rugby's biggest fan. Family and friends were his greatest interests. He made connections with everyone with his stories and memories of Newport.

Survived by his three sons, Kenneth P. Kirwin and his wife Elaine, Patrick L. Kirwin and his wife Clare, Kevin A. Kirwin and his wife Ann. Six grandchildren, Jessica and husband Mark, Thomas, Kaitlin, Kelley, Lauren and Dana. Two great grandchildren Michael and Isaac Cerbo. Frank was the brother of the late the Joseph Kirwin and Patricia Lucey.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday March 8, 2012 at 10 am, St. Augustin's Church, Carroll Avenue, Newport, RI. Burial was held at St. Columba's Cemetery, Middletown, RI. Visiting hours were held Wednesday March 7, 2012 in the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport, RI from 4-7pm.

donations may be made in Frank's memory to the Newport Rugby Football Club, P.O. Box #217, Newport, RI 02840.