

Matthew Finn



Matthew H. Finn, 84, of Newport, R.I., passed away Thursday, July 3rd, 2008, at home surrounded by his family. He was the husband of the late Helen (Murphy) Finn.

Born in Newport, he was the son of the late Thomas and Margaret T. (Sullivan) Finn. Mr. Finn attended St. Augustin's School and Rogers High School. A World War II veteran, Mr. Finn was a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, for his service in the Campaigns and Battles of

Rhineland Central Europe and the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he was employed as a master carpenter for over 40 years. He was highly regarded for his ability to teach his craft to aspiring carpenters.

Mr. Finn was a Division Lifetime Member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, where he was named Hibernian of the Year in 1990. He was a life long communicant of St. Augustin's Church.

He was the devoted father of Matthew Finn, Paul Finn, Robert Finn, Timothy Finn, and Helen Finn, all of Newport, RI. He was the father of the late Cornelius Finn. He was predeceased by brothers Thomas, Cornelius, William, Michael (Bill), John Finn, and sister Margaret Finn. He leaves many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, in St. Augustin's Church, Carroll Ave, Newport. Burial was private. Visiting hours were held on Monday, July 7, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport.

Donations may be made to The Dennis E. Collins Ancient Order of Hibernians Building or Scholarship Fund, 2 Wellington Ave, Newport, RI, 02840 or to St. Augustin's Church, 2 Eastnor Rd., Newport, RI, 02840.