



Douglas R. Studwell Sr.

June 6, 1918 - June 4, 2012

Douglas R. Studwell, Sr., passed away in Bend, on Monday, June 4, 2012. Doug was born in Port Chester, New York, on June 6, 1918, the 7th of eleven children of Howard Sr. and Louise Studwell. Doug attended Horton Elementary School, Junior High and High School in Port Chester. Like many children in that time and generation, he left school before graduation to go to work. Doug's father, Howard, was a 50 year member of Putnam Engine and Hose fire company in Port Chester. Following his father's lead, Doug joined Harry Howard Hook & Ladder Co. on December 11, 1936. Doug and six of his brothers were all long time members of the Port Chester Fire Department with the family representing well over 300 years of firefighting tradition. Doug served in all firemanic and parliamentary offices of Harry Howard. Doug met Harriet McElroy of Port Chester in 1939 and they married in November 1941. He became part of the second group of draftees in 1941 and served four years in the U.S. Army during WW II as a Sergeant. After the war, Doug returned to Port Chester and began working for the Village of Port Chester in 1947. In May 1951, he became a paid firefighter for the Village, serving until August 1980, when he retired. For the past four years, Doug has been living in Bend to be closer to family and is a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Doug has three sons: Douglas Jr. (Aileen), Craig (Janice), and Keith (Sue); along with eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Harriet, his wife of 69 years, passed away in June 2010. Craig and Keith are also active exempt members of Harry Howard. A viewing and rosary will be

held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 8 at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home and a memorial Mass at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in downtown Bend. His final resting place will be the Deschutes Memorial Chapel and Gardens in Bend.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

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