



Michael Anthony Difato

June 6, 1921 - April 29, 2010

Michael Anthony Difato

June 6, 1921 - April 29, 2010

Michael Anthony "Big Mike" Difato, of St. Augustine, died on April 29, 2010 at Baptist Hospital South. He was 88 years old. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was a longtime resident of Bethesda, Maryland, and had been a resident of St. Augustine since 1997. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in St. Augustine. Mike attended La Salle University, where he was a member of the school's ice hockey team and graduated with a degree in accounting. During WW II, he served in the U.S. Army as a radio operator. While serving in Italy, due to his ability to speak Italian, he was often asked to oversee the Italian prisoners of war. After the war, Mike became a Certified Public Accountant and worked many years for A.J. Ellis Construction Co. in Landover, MD. He was an avid golfer and was a member and past president of the Bethesda Country Club. He is survived by his wife, Edith "Edie" Difato, of St. Augustine; daughters, Maria Byrne and her husband, Jim, of Gaithersburg, MD; Lynn Boyle and her husband, Mike, of Ellicott City, MD; sons, Joseph Difato and his wife, Felicia, of St. Augustine; Michael Difato and his wife, Kathleen, of St. Augustine; and Jack Difato and his wife, Theresa, of Jacksonville; a sister, Eleanor Moiani and her husband, Lou, of Broomall, Pa.; 20 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 5, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with Father Guy Noonan officiating. A

visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 6, at Jacksonville National Cemetery. Flowers are gratefully declined, and those wishing can make a donation in his memory to The Johns Hopkins Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program, 1830 E. Monument Street, 5th floor, Baltimore, MD 21205. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.