



Michael J. Behan of 12 Harrison Avenue Newport RI died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on July 14th, 2012.

He was born in Newport to the late **James K. Behan** and **Margaret Burns Behan**.

After graduating from **De La Salle Academy** in 1945 and foregoing an athletic scholarship to Dartmouth College, he enlisted in the **Navy** and was a veteran of World War II.

He returned to Newport in 1946 and worked with his father in the building trades. After working for several other local contractors, he became the Director of Buildings and Maintenance for the **Newport School Department**. After retiring from the School Department in 1989, he went to work with his sons at **Behan Brothers Inc.**, where he remained for over 20 years until his death.

He is survived by his wife, **Helen Donohoe Behan**,

- his twelve children and their spouses,
 - **Margaret Jones** of Middletown R.I,
 - **Patricia Brady** of East Providence RI,
 - **Michael J. Behan** of Middletown R.I.,
 - **Mary Sheehan** of Tacoma Wa.,
 - **William Behan** of Newport RI,
 - **Christopher J. Behan**, Esq, of Newport RI,
 - **Peter Behan** of Newport RI,
 - **Andrew Behan** of Newport, RI,
 - **David Behan** of Tiverton RI,
 - **Brigid Gomes** of Newport RI,
 - **Dr. Katherine Behan** of Philadelphia, PA,
 - **Barbara Howlett** of Portsmouth R.I.
- as well as thirty grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late **James K. Behan Jr.**, and **Barbara Behan Booth**.

He was a proud, active, and life long member of the Dennis E. Collins Division of The **Ancient Order Hibernians** where he was a **Past President** and the recipient of the first **Hibernian of the Year Award**.

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He was a former member of the Board of Directors of the **Boys' Clubs of Newport County**, a communicant of **St. Augustin's Church**, and an avid supporter of the **Newport Rugby Football Club** with the Newport Rugby Football Club Player of the Year Award named after him.

He was a devout, loving father and grandfather and the last surviving member of the **Harrison Avenue Horseshoe Club**.

Big Mike as he was called could be seen traveling around his beloved Fifth Ward on his scooter or attending the annual St Patrick's Day parades awaiting the arrival of the U.S. Navy. He will be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at St. Augustin Church, Carroll Avenue in Newport at 10am. Burial will follow at St. Columba Cemetery, Middletown,RI.

Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday July 17, 2012 at the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring St., Newport from 4-8pm.

In lieu of flower's donation's in Mike's name to the St. Augustin's Church Building Fund, 2 Eastnor Road, Newport, RI 02840