



Harry J. Baird

August 21, 1930 - October 28, 2016

Harry J. Baird 86, of Bonita Springs, FL died Friday, October 28, 2016 in Naples, FL. He was born August 21, 1930 in Trenton, NJ a son of the late Harry A. and Hazel (née Kilcoyne) Baird. A former resident of East Greenwich, RI and Saddle River, NJ, he had been a resident of Bonita Springs for the past 23 years.

He was a graduate of the Trenton Catholic Boy's High School and attained his B.S. in Economics with his Major in Accounting from Villanova University in 1953.

After college, Harry served in the United States Marine Corps from 1953 thru 1955 and was a reservist from 1955 to 1968 attaining the rank of Major before his retirement.

In 1955, after serving his country he joined the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., the predecessor of KPMG, in their Newark office. He was admitted to Partnership in 1968. He served as the Managing Partner in the Trenton office from 1969 to 1975 and the Managing Partner in the Providence Office from 1975 to 1984. In 1984, he served in the New York/Montvale, NJ Executive offices as Managing Partner and Chief Financial Officer retiring in 1990. As Managing Partner, he was instrumental in negotiating the global merger which created KPMG.

From 1991 through 1994, under Governor Bruce Sundlun he was the Director of Department of Administration and Chief of Operations for the State of Rhode Island. He then joined EFD (Electronic Fusion Devices) and served as President and Special Assistant to Chairman of EFD from 1994 to 2000. Since 1990, he has served as an Advisory Board member of W.R. Cobb Co. and has served as President of Business Advisors of Rhode Island since 2000.

He was the former President of the Better Business Bureau of Central New Jersey, former President of the Providence Chamber of Commerce from 1981 to 1982, Honorary Life Member of the American Institute of CPAS, former President of the New Jersey Society of CPAS, Mercer Chapter, former President of the national Association of Accountants, Trenton Chapter, former Treasurer of the Rhode Island Strategic Development Corp. (Greenhouse Compact), Rhode Island Commodore 1982 to present, former Chairman of the United Way Campaign of Bergen County, NJ, Boy Scouts of Bergen County, NJ where twice he was awarded the Man of the Year and the City of Montvale, NJ - Man of the Year and the recipient of the "Golden Tree Award."

His memberships included the Hope Club, the Dunes Club, Squantum Club, Ridgewood Country Club and the Bonita Bay Golf Club.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Dolores J. Baird, four children, Donna A. Baird, Harry J. Baird, Jr., Susan M. Danino and Richard J. Baird; 17 grandchildren, Harry III, Nicholas, Katie, Emily, Allessa, Antonio, Gianni, Richard, Brian, Martella, Gianna, Gabriel, Rocco, Marianna, Anthony and Mercedes and 1 great granddaughter, Meara.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, October 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs, FL.

Additional services will be held on Wednesday in Rhode Island. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Fagan – Quinn Funeral Home 825 Boston Neck, No. Kingston, RI. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 AM at St. Mark Catholic Church in Jamestown, RI. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Marks Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Mark Cemetery

Jamestown, RI

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Visitation

NOV **2**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fagan-Quinn Funeral Home
825 Boston Neck
North Kingston, RI 02852

Visitation

NOV **2**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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825 Boston Neck
North Kingston, RI 02852

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Catholic Church
60 Narragansett Ave.
Jamestown, RI 02835

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry J. Baird*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dee: We were out of the country in South America when Harry died. We are deeply sorry for his passing...he was such a wonderful light in everyone's lives who knew him. What would the Unforgettable's be without Harry. May the presence of God be with you and your family during this time and don't forget we will always hope you will come down here in Bonita Bay to see us all again. God bless, Ron and Jessie Dalman*

Jessie Dalman - November 14, 2016 at 11:22 AM