

Delphine Mulcahy

Obituary



Chester - Delphine Tone Mulcahy, 99, of Chester Village West, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 19, 2013. Del was the widow of Leo J. Mulcahy, Commissioner of the Connecticut State Police from 1959 to 1971.

Born Delphine Tone in New Haven on Jan. 25, 1914, she was the eldest child of Joseph Mackler Tone and Lena Delphine Coloumbe. Mr. Tone was a former Connecticut State Senator, Labor Commissioner under Gov. Wilbur Cross, and U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor during the Roosevelt administration. Del was also sister to Emmett Wolfe Tone and Mary Tone Carrigan, both of whom preceded her in death.

Del lived in Connecticut for her entire 99 and one half years, and never wanted to live anywhere else. She attended James Hillhouse High School in New Haven and Larson Junior College in Hamden.

She married Leo at 19, and settled in Old Lyme to raise her family. Her tremendous presence filled a room, whether singing loudly, telling stories, or laughing heartily. A tomboy before it was vogue, Del spent her youth playing baseball and skating like the wind. The family spent years living on Roger's Lake, providing a bunkhouse to friends and needy kids alike.

Del had many interests and passions. She enjoyed working with the community, and helped launch the Little League program in Old Lyme. Her cooking and baking skills were the highlight of many festivities, and she was an accomplished and generous knitter of hats, blankets, and sweaters. Del was a huge sports fan and loved cheering on the Red Sox and UConn basketball, and celebrated their many championships. She was a talented artist, and spent countless hours painting nature scenes in her later years. She was also a lifelong Democrat.

Del is survived by her two children, Delphine Tone Condron of Lyme and Douglas Tone Mulcahy of Glastonbury; as well as five grandchildren, Jeanette Garneau, Delphine Cyr, Elizabeth Mulcahy, Laura Mulcahy Mayhew, and Patrick Mulcahy. She leaves behind three great-grandchildren, Delphine Garneau, Rory Mayhew, and Fiona Mayhew. Del also leaves behind a nephew, Francis Carrigan, and a great niece, Katherine Carrigan.

A procession to graveside service will assemble at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at the Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Beckwith Lane, Old Lyme, and will proceed to a graveside service at Duck River Cemetery in Old Lyme with Father Ed Dempsey presiding.

Donations may be made in Del's memory to one of two groups, The Connecticut State Troopers Memorial Scholarship Fund, Division of State Police, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT 06457 or the Lyme Land Trust, PO Box 1002, Old Lyme, CT 06371, www.lymelandtrust.org.

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