



**Robert O. “Jake” Beattie**, 85, formerly of Eastnor Road, Newport, passed away with family at his bedside on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at the Village House Nursing & Rehab Center in Newport, RI.

He was the husband of the late **Anita R. (Parris) Beattie**.

Born in the 5th Ward on September 14, 1932, he was the son of the late **James M.** and **Margaret (Dugan) Beattie**.

After attending **St. Augustin’s School**, he graduated from **Rogers High School** in 1950, and soon after enlisted in the **US Army** for three years where he proudly served with the **“Remington Raiders”**, a unit with whom he “never retreated, only backspaced”.

Jake then continued his education at **Bryant College** while employed at **Raytheon** for over 30 years as Manager of Material Control.

He was a **‘legendary mixologist’** serving and entertaining at **Christie’s Bar and Restaurant** and at the **Ancient Order of Hibernians**.

Second only to his love for Nita and his family was golf. He was a member at the **Wanumetonomy Country Club**, and actually hit a hole in one on the same hole, 20 years apart.

Jake was an active member of the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** as state Treasurer and received the **1986 Hibernian of the Year Award** on the same day his granddaughter, Maggie, was born.

He served on the **Newport City Council** as **5th Ward representative** and was Vice-Mayor under **Mayor Humphrey J. Donnelly III** in the mid-1970s.

He and his bride retired to **Deerfield Beach, Florida** for more than a decade but the love of Newport brought him back.

He was grateful to have been able to travel to Ireland with Nita to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and again in 2010 to see Kinsale and play golf at Old Head with his daughter, **Renie**.

“Jake” is survived by his daughters **Renie (Sully) Sullivan** of Newport, **Susan Carlson** of Newport, and son, **Bob (Betsy) Beattie** of Rutland, Vermont.

His grandchildren **Andrew (Dana) Jennings** of Newport, **Maggie Sullivan** of Somerville, MA, **Anders Carlson** of Newport, and twins **Robert and Kiernan Beattie** of Rutland, VT.

He is also survived by two great-grandsons, **Charlie** and **Alex Jennings** of Newport.

He is also survived by brother, **Kenneth Beattie** and sister, **Margaret “Peggy” Beattie**.

He was the brother of the late **James** and **Donald Beattie**.

His second family was the wonderful staff at the **Village House**. Lucille, Sheila and Caryn were his girls. Much thanks to **Maura McAvinn** who was his “chauffer” for years before residing at the Village.

*A Mass of Christian burial will be held on **Friday, June 29 at 10 am** at **St Augustin’s Church**, Carroll Ave, Newport.*

*Burial will be at **St. Columba’s Cemetery**, Brown’s Lane, Middletown.*

*Visiting hours will be held on **Thursday, June 28 from 4-7 pm** at **O’Neill-Hayes Funeral Home**, 465 Spring St., Newport.*

*In lieu of flowers, please send donations to **Village House Activities Fund**, 70 Harrison Avenue, Newport, RI, 02840.*

*[Link to O’Neill-Hayes Funeral Home](#)*