



Armand F.F. Legare

December 31, 1923 - May 3, 2015

Portsmouth - Armand F.F. "Legs" Legare, 91, of Portsmouth, died peacefully May 3, 2015. He was born Dec 31, 1923 to the late Francois Xavier and Melinda (Breunault) Legare in Haverhill Massachusetts, the 8th of 9 children. AFF Legare enlisted 2 Jan 1941. He reported to NTS Newport for basic training as Apprentice Seaman, graduated as Seaman 2/c and was assigned to the USS Constellation. He transferred to radio school in San Diego for training as a Radioman Striker and then to the USS Minneapolis CA36 and assigned to the C Division. He was promoted to Radioman 3/c in early 1942. Armand graduated from the US Naval Academy in June 1945 as an Ensign and reported to submarine school, New London. He served on the USS Flying Fish (SS 229), USS Sennet (SS 408), USS Cobia (SS 245), USS Batfish (SS 310) and USS Becuna (SS 319). Armand held positions in all divisions and served as XO of SS 310 and CO of SS 408 and SS 319.

Shore duty consisted of 2 years at Holy Cross College as instructor of naval history, 2 years at Naval Underwater Ordnance Station, Newport RI as Fleet Applications Officer and Torpedo Range Officer and finally 3 years at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as Assistant Administration Officer, Personnel Officer, BOQ Officer, Communications Officer, Security Officer and Administration Officer.

After Retirement he spent 5 years teaching high school math in Exeter and Portsmouth. He founded 2 businesses, Custom Pools and Sentry Systems Inc. Armand completed 35 years in the security business, Sentry Systems and

fully retired 1 Apr 2000.

He was an active member of the Portsmouth Lions Club, Knights of Columbus (3rd and 4th degrees), Propeller Club, Navy League, NH Alarm Association (which he founded), Retired Officers Association, Fleet Reserve Association, American Legion, United Submarine Veterans Inc. and other veterans groups. Armand is survived by 9 of his 10 children and 13 grandchildren. We will all miss him. In lieu of a memorial service, donations can be made to The Portsmouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 944, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Tribute Wall



“ *Armand F.F. Legare*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Mr. Legare was a teacher of life. He was serious about teaching and wanted us to be serious about learning. Many times our algebra homework papers would come back to us with his notation, F.I.Y.I.F.I. which meant, Factor it You Idiot, Factor it!! He told us that the reason that the theorems were printed in large bold ink with diamonds around them was to hide them from our notice. Here I first learned of "hiding in plain sight." He was the most colorful, most memorable teacher I ever had, and if I had ever known of his strong perpetual tie to the community, I would have reconnected with him. Mr. Legare was One for the Ages...*

JAMES VERRILL - March 17, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ *I served with the Captain on the USSBecuna in New London Conn. When I came home retired I was walking down the hallway at Exeter High School and he opened the class room door and shouted Winch, where the hell are you going, I turned and was shocked to see him teaching in the same High School that I went to. Also learned that he had my younger brother in his class.... He told me that he wondered if there was a connection in our. Names. Sorry to hear of his passing . There are other shipmates who live in New Hampshire that may also have served with him also.*

Hermon Winch. EN 2 (SS). Ret..

Hermon Winch - May 22, 2015 at 09:50 PM

BR

“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (On USSVI), we offer our sincere condolences to Virginia and all of the Legare family and friends in your loss and sorrow. May God whisper peace into your hearts and comfort and heal them. We are grateful for Armand's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our “Brother of the Dolphin” ... "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country." -- Chaplain Bob Reinisch, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

Bob Reinisch - May 10, 2015 at 07:28 PM

AR

“ Our condolences to Joanne, Marie, Armand, Charlie, Felix, and Michael

Watching all of you kids grow up at Lake Attitash is one of our fondest memories. As long as we live the Legare family will always be our best neighbors!
Rest in peace "Legs"
-Al and Florence

Al Roy - May 10, 2015 at 02:14 PM

JM

“ I had Mr. Legare in my senior year at EHS. He made learning Algebra easy. I had communicated with him via email a few years ago. He still had a sense of humor at that time. The first day of class he said we are here to learn Algebra and tossed the book in the trash can and we learned and had fun doing it. It was because of him that I learned not to be afraid of math and was successful in my military career as an instructor at the United States Army Missile and Munition Center and School at Redstone Arsenal Alabama. May he RIP.

John Maslowski - Arizona

John Maslowski - May 08, 2015 at 10:22 PM

PC

“ Paul and Connie Clark and family, lived on Wentworth Rd in the front yard of Legare house which was located way up in back! We had a small lot so Leggs suggested I have my garden on his property of which he had several acres. Not only did Leggs lend me his land for my garden, he cultivated it for me each year. Leggs and I both belonged to Portsmouth Lions. We worked together on many projects, selling light bulbs, ringing the Salvation Army Christmas bell outside Yoken's, and yes of course BINGO! Leggs was not only a friend and neighbor, but also a mentor whom I will miss dearly.

Paul Clark - May 07, 2015 at 10:29 AM

SA

“ I knew Armand in connection with one of the companies that he operated. In our over 28-year-long business relationship I appreciated his product and systems knowledge, his reliability, his integrity and, always, his pleasant geniality.

Armand was a good man. There will never be enough people like him.

My condolences to the Legare family.

Steve Alie, Portsmouth

S.R. Alie - May 07, 2015 at 08:53 AM

PE

“ To Mr. Legare's family...I want you to know how much I admired Mr. Legare. He had been my math teacher, many, many years ago at Exeter High School and had made learning fun and exciting. Many of the math formulas that we needed to learn in order to comprehend algebra was taught with humor and therefore, it left his students remembering them for a lifetime. He was a wonderful teacher and when he left Exeter, he was missed by so many students. My sympathy to all.

Patricia Edgerly - May 06, 2015 at 04:34 PM