

Leonard James Regan

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Leonard James Regan, 90 PORTLAND -- Leonard James Regan, 90, of Portland, died peacefully Saturday, August 1, 2009 at his home surrounded by his large and loving family. He was born on May 18, 1919, in Portland, a son of Charles P. and Mary E. (Gillis) Regan, attended local schools, and graduated from Cheverus High School. Leonard furthered his education at the Shaw's Business College. During World War II, Leonard served for forty-five months as a Sergeant in the 77th U.S. Army Division Company A 302nd Engineer Battalion, deployed in the Pacific, participating in five amphibious landings. Upon returning from the service, Leonard and his brother Frank joined their father in his business, creating C.P. Regan and Sons Sand and Gravel. He was a lifelong communicant of St. Patrick's Church, a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus 293 Msgr. Houlihan Council, the V.F.W. Deering Portland, and the Irish American Club. Leonard was proud to live in Libby Town his entire life. Leonard married his sweetheart, Mary M. Gallant, who waited for him to return from service in the Army. They were happily married, and would be celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary on August 24, 2009. The joys of his life were his wife, daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He shared the love of life with family and

friends. Leonard enjoyed growing tomatoes, visiting with family and friends, and Red Sox and Sea Dogs games. Leonard was predeceased by a daughter, Joan Regan Hedrick; his brother, Francis 'Frank' J. Regan, and a brother-in-law, Gerald Gallant. Besides his wife of Portland, he is survived by daughters Marie and her husband Norm Charleston of Rumford, Ann Regan of Steamboat Springs, Colo., a son-in-law, Wayne Hedrick of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., daughters, Dorothy Regan, DMD, and her husband David Driscoll of Standish, Patricia Regan of Portland, Barbara and her husband Gary Hogg of The Woodlands, Texas, Rita and her husband Robert Travis of Windham, and Teresa Regan of Portland; 13 grandchildren, Kristin and husband Adam Parys, Kevin Charleston and wife Jennifer, Peter Hand and wife Naomi, Stephanie and husband Gareth Osborn, Matthew and Keith Hedrick, Joseph, Elizabeth and Marc Regan, Neal and Caroline Hogg, Robert and Sean McDonough; great-grandchildren, Ben and Emily Charleston, Maxx Parys, and Aspen and Fletcher Hand; sisters-in-law, Alice Regan, Sr. Muriel Gallant, MM, Teresa Moreland and her husband Leon, and Dorothy Ellison; brothers-in-law C. Edwin Gallant and wife Gloria, and Francis Gallant and wife Ellin; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. The Regan family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Stephanie at Dr. Aronson's office, the healthcare providers at Hospice of Southern Maine, and all who cared and visited during the last few months. Family and friends are invited to attend a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday at St. Patrick's Church, 1342 Congress Street, Portland. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. Arrangements respectfully handled by the Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State Street, Portland. Online condolences may be expressed at www.ctcrawford.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in Leonard's memory may be made to: St. Patrick's Church 1342 Congress Street Portland, or to the charity of your choice

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