



Donald F. Putnam

November 3, 2006

Donald F. Putnam, 91, a resident of Chestertown for the past seven years, died on Friday, November 3, 2006. He was born in Amsterdam, NY. His parents were Inez Belle Steager and Henry Prouty Putnam. He attended Hillsdale College in Michigan, and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Mr. Putnam was a veteran of World War II, and was commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Army. After the end of the war, he and his family moved to Schenectady, NY, where he joined the Army Reserve. After serving 20 years in the rank of Captain in the Reserve, he remained in the Retired Reserve of the United States Army.

In Schenectady, NY Mr. Putnam was a supervisor in the Materials and Processes Laboratory of the General Electric Company for 28 years, retiring in 1979.

He was a member of the Republican Party in Schenectady and held many elected positions. He was elected Town Supervisor of Glenville in 1963, was re-elected in 1965 and in 1967 when the position became that of a County Representative with a four-year term under the new County Charter. At the first organizational meeting of the Board on New Years Day, 1968, Putnam was elected the first four-year Chairman under the new County Charter.

In 1967 the County Board of Supervisors chartered the Schenectady County Community College. Mr. Putnam was on the committee which acquired the historic Van Curler Hotel as the site for the new college. Many alterations and renovations were made to the building, and in September 1969 the college began offering classes in the building. In the year 2000, the college celebrated 30 years of serving the community, and all those who had played a part in establishing the college were honored at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college. Mr. Putnam was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college for several years also.

He was Chairman of the Planning Board of Schenectady and he was involved in the choosing of a site for the new Schenectady Public Library. When he was Supervisor in Glenville, he was involved in the installation of the Basic Water District 11, also.

Mr. Putnam was a member of the Schenectady Curling Club for many years and enjoyed participating in bonspiels in the United States and Canada.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Vivian McCormick Putnam, and two daughters, Susan Kerns and her husband Ronald of Chestertown, MD, Janet Sennett and her husband Paul of Marlton, NJ, grandson Bryon Lockhart and his wife Jennifer of Tabernacle, NJ, and four great-grandchildren Noah, Micah, Hannah, and Ezra Lockhart. Also a niece, Avis McCall of Toronto, Canada, and a nephew George Putnam and his wife Margaret of Chapaia, Mexico.

Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Kent & Queen Anne's Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 126, Chestertown, Maryland 21620 or Chester River Home Care & Hospice, 6602 Church Hill Road, Chestertown, Maryland 21620 or Shrewsbury Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 187, Kennedyville, MD 21645.

Tribute Wall



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