



Peter LaForce Grady

July 6, 2016

Peter LaForce Grady, 91, of Mount Pocono, died Wednesday, July 6, 2016. Born July 19, 1924 in West Orange, New Jersey, he was a son of the late Charles Benedict and Laura (LaForce) Grady of West Orange, Skytop, and Palm Beach. His father was chief engineer of the Consolidated Edison Co. in New York and his mother served as a Red Cross nurse in Europe during WWI. Graduating from the University of Scranton in 1948, he took advantage of the G.I. Bill in 1950 and studied abroad at L'Institute de Phonetique, Paris, the Universite de Grenoble, Grenoble, and the Universite zu Vien, Vienna. He was a reporter for the Pocono Record from 1966 to 1970. In 1968, Mr. Grady won three awards, a first and two seconds for local, county and state government news sponsored by the Pennsylvania Press Conference Keystone Press Awards in Harrisburg. He was a reporter for the Scranton Tribune from 1970 until 1990 when that paper closed its doors. He also worked for the Metro in Scranton as a reporter. During WWII, he was a tail gunner on a B-17 stationed in Chelveston, England with the 305th Bomb Group, 422nd Bomb Squadron. On his second mission over Germany, his B-17 developed engine trouble. The pilot gave the order to bail out, but it was rescinded by the co-pilot who made a forced landing at a P-38 recon base in Hagenau, France. The crew celebrated the co-pilot's flying skill at the bar nearby Strasbourg, France. But their merriment was cut short when the crew learned that President Roosevelt had died at Warm Springs, Georgia. Mr. Grady loved the written word, classical music, his piano, good wine, and especially cats which kept him company as they lived and died over a period of some 40 years. In addition to his faithful companion, Rosemary Yuknavich of Scranton, he is survived by two sons and a daughter; Sebastian Grady of Oakland, California, Scott Grady of Los Angeles, California, and Laura Grady Barnhart of Palmdale, California; his former wife, Gloria Grady of LaGuna Woods, California; seven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, including C.B. Grady of Denver, Colorado, Sharon Marks of Boulder, Colorado, Frederick Grady of Arlington, Virginia, and Michael Grady of Fredonia, New York. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ben Grady, died in Dunkirk, New York in 2011. Services will be private. Cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“*Rosemary and Grady Family - deepest sympathy on the loss of Pete. He was a great man and neighbor. I always enjoyed our conversations, which ranged from politics to sports and back. As a fellow Scrantonian, we had plenty of shared memories to draw from. Please contact me (5 Seneca) if there is anything I can do for you. Rest in peace Pete, and keep rooting for those Cubs!*

Jim Moore

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