

Mr Anthony H Coppola, 73

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DOUGLAS - Anthony H. Coppola, 73, of 11 Caswell Court, town historian and author of a forthcoming book on a segment of town history, died Saturday evening at home.

He leaves his wife, Charlotte E. (McCarthy) Coppola; a son, Peter A. Coppola of East Douglas; a daughter, Madeline C. Coppola of North Grafton; two brothers, retired Navy Capt. Joseph A. Coppola of Bethesda, Md., and Henry P. Coppola of Milford; three sisters, Carmella Wallace of Manchester, Conn., Frances Anderson of New Port Richey, Fla., and Anne Smyth of Holiday, Fla; two grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Mr. and Mrs. Coppola celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Oct. 6. Born in Douglas, he was a son of Francesco and Antonetta (Sodano) Coppola, and had lived here all his life.

COMPLETED MANUSCRIPT

Just before his death, Mr. Coppola completed the manuscript of the book which takes a look at everyday life in Douglas Town in the latter quarter of the 19th century. A meticulous historian, he researched the information for his book 15 years before completing it, digging into the historical books and manuscripts, letters and newspaper articles of that period.

Deeply interested in accurately recording the town's history, he was a founder and member of the Douglas Historical Society Inc. He was chairman of the Douglas Historical Commission and a consultant to the Douglas Historic District Commission.

Mr. Coppola was instrumental and helped in the restoration work of the E.N. Jenckes Store/Museum on Main Street which was donated to the historical society by the Jenckes family.

In 1969, the Coppolas bought one of the oldest houses in town, the Dudley-Holman House on Common Street, and restored the house and the common in front of it. They

sold the house in 1987 and moved to Caswell Court.

RESTORATION CONSULTANT

Mr. Coppola worked as a consultant for several restoration projects in town.

He worked 16 years as a designer and superintendent at the former Hayward Woolen Co. in East Douglas. Later, he worked 17 years as an insurance consultant and estate planner for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. out of its Milford office, retiring 18 years ago due to ill health.

He was active in Douglas politics during the 1950s and 1960s, serving on the Douglas School Committee and the Douglas-Sutton School Union Committee.

Mr. Coppola attended Vesper George School of Art in Boston and the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence.

He was a member of St. Denis Church.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Denis Church on Manchaug Road. Burial will follow in St. Denis Cemetery. There are no calling hours. The family asks that flowers be omitted. Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., is directing arrangements.



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BORN

1917

Douglas

DIED

29 May 1990

Douglas

SPOUSE AND CHILDREN

Mrs Charlotte E Mccarthy Coppola **wife**

Peter A Coppola **son**

Madeline C Coppola **daughter**

PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

Captain Joseph A Coppola **brother**

Henry P Coppola **brother**

Carmella Wallace **sister**

Frances Anderson **sister**

Anne Smyth **sister**

Francesco Coppola **father**

Antonetta Sodano Coppola **mother**