

JOSEPH A. COPPOLA, 80: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice

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Deceased Name: JOSEPH A. COPPOLA, 80

BETHESDA, Md. - Retired Navy Capt. Joseph A. Coppola, 80, of 7621 Carter Court, formerly of East Douglas, Mass., died Friday night in Carriage Hill Nursing Home after a long illness.

He leaves his wife, Catherine (McAllister) Coppola; two stepsons, Francis and Arthur Coppola, both of Bethesda; three stepdaughters, Kathleen Flood of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Patricia Perilla of Baltimore, Md., and Christine Leibner of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Carmella Wallace of Venice, Fla., Frances Anderson of New Port Richey, Fla., and Annie Smyth of Holiday, Fla.; eight step-grandchildren; nephews and nieces. His first wife, Rita (Dilks) Coppola, died in 1984. He was born in East Douglas, son of Francisco and Antonetta (Sodano) Coppola, and lived many years in the Washington, D.C., area. He graduated from Douglas High School in 1931, Bullis Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., in 1932. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1936 and did post-graduate work there. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Coppola served in the Navy for 29 years, retiring in 1961. He was the first captain of the naval shipyard at Yokosuka, Japan. He later served at several naval shipyards and the Navy Department's Bureau of Ships in Washington, D.C. He then worked at Boeing Aircraft Corp. in Seattle, Wash., for nine years. He later sold commercial real estate.

The military funeral will be held Thursday from Robert A. Pumphrey Funeral Home, with a Mass in the chapel at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, with burial following. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Massachusetts, 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

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