



Leon A. Malinoski

July 23, 2022

On Saturday July 23rd, Leon Malinoski crossed the bar at the age of 96. He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Elizabeth, as well as four children Elizabeth Dragone (Joseph), Leon (Maryjane), Joseph, and Maryanne Ilch (Thomas), nine grandchildren and five great grandsons. He is predeceased by his children Gail, Karen, John and Charles.

He dedicated his life to his family and the United States Merchant Marine Academy, where he taught for over 42 years and mentored countless midshipmen. Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Leon left at age 16 to serve in the United States Navy during World War 2 and was an active member of the American Legion in Glen Head, NY. He founded the Kings Point Retirees Association and organized many trips and events over several decades.

Affectionally known as Poppy, his grandchildren and great grandchildren always looked forward to his home cooking but especially his meatballs. He was a skilled craftsman who built items both small and large including the second floor of their home in Pennsylvania. His patience and kindness were always evident in the way he cared for his family and friends and especially his beloved wife Betty. He loved organizing family reunions and softball games that brought people together. He leaves behind a legacy of welcoming others into his life and making sure that everyone felt loved.

Please leave a message or share a story of how he touched your life.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to either:

United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association. Information on ways to donate can be found here: <https://www.usmmaalumni.com>

St. Mary's Human Concerns (St. Mary's RC Church 110 Bryant Ave. Roslyn Harbor, NY 11576)

"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?" -Rousseau

Visitation will take place on Tuesday July 26th 2-5PM & 7-9PM at Roslyn Heights Funeral

Home 75 Mineola Ave. Roslyn Heights, NY. Funeral Mass Wednesday July 27th 10:30AM
at St. Mary's RC Church 110 Bryant Ave. Roslyn Harbor, NY. Interment to follow Long
Island National Cemetery Farmingdale, NY.

Cemetery Details

Long Island National Cemetery

2040 Wellwood Avenue
11735
Farmingdale, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
75 Mineola Ave
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(516) 621-4545
roslynheightsfh@gmail.com
<https://RoslynHeightsFH.com>

Visitation

JUL 26. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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75 Mineola Ave
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Funeral Mass

JUL 27. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Mary's R.C. Church
110 Bryant Avenue
Roslyn Harbor, NY 11576
(516) 621-2222

Tribute Wall



“ *Leon A. Malinoski*

November 16, 2022 at 07:31 PM

JP

“ *I want to extend my condolences to the family of Leاون Malinowski. I grew up in Roslyn Heights in the 50s and 60s and remember Leone as being a wonderful neighbor. When my sister, Pat, passed away in 2004 — even though we had not seen one another for years, he was present at her burial at Holy Rood Cemetery. My parents always thought the world of him. I will remember him in my prayers.
John K . Plumb*

john plumb - August 04, 2022 at 06:47 PM

KS

“ *Uncle Leon you will always be loved just as you loved your family!! Thank you for keeping our family together. I hope you know your hard work over the years never went unnoticed. Our family reunions will always be thanks to you. May you Rest In Peace. Xo*

Karen Siler - July 27, 2022 at 11:03 AM

NA

“ *So grateful to Uncle Leon for his role in starting our amazing Mahoney Sutton family reunions! I was 16 when we had our first reunion, an amazing picnic at Kings Point on Long Island. I met so many cousins for the first time! Just a few years after that we had our first reunion weekend in the Catskills and this amazing extended family still gathers yearly in the Poconos. Thank you to Uncle Leon, and of course Aunt Betty too, for many many happy memories ❤️😍😘*

Nancy Angelini - July 27, 2022 at 10:55 AM

KC

“ *Uncle Leon always had a smile and a helping hand. Such a big part of my childhood memories, always there wanting to hear about our lives. My heart breaks for my cousins who've lost their 1st parent, and for my dear Aunt Betty. Many hugs from Bob and Kathy*

Kathy Cohen - July 26, 2022 at 09:06 PM

BM

“ *Mr. Malinoski made machine shop my favorite class during plebe year. I have fond memories of that class and of all he taught me. I still have the gage hand puller, valve stem and machinist jack I made in machine shop under his supervision. May God rest his soul. My best to his family.*

*Bruce Murray
KP Class of '70*

Bruce Murray - July 26, 2022 at 05:25 PM

EC

“ *Uncle Leon a major figure head at the family reunions since i was a kid..*

He was always involved and was always there to help. As a kid it was good day if you were able to hit one of his pitches while playing softball. Then after he be front and center helping to call out the raffle and next activities... (i have some big shoes to fill)... Years back aunt betty and uncle Leon started the boys and girls prize for the reunion. And still helped out in the later years when they were nir able to attend.

One last memory is from when i was a kid was going to this awesome place called kingspoint where we had a family picnic.. I have no idea how old i was but this is one of my core memories as a child...

Ed Chatterton - July 26, 2022 at 12:38 PM

TR

“ *Lorraine and I are sorry to hear about Leon. Have great memories with the families at the reunion and in the old days at the Academy. Sending prayers to you Betty and family.*



Tom & Lorraine Russell - July 26, 2022 at 10:59 AM

CU

“ *Class of 1970 USMMA purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Leon A. Malinoski.*



Class of 1970 USMMA - July 26, 2022 at 10:12 AM

MM

“ *May Uncle Leon Rest In Peace. I will always remember him as the best MC of the Mahoney Sutton raffles for the family reunions. His dedication to the family reunion was passed on to my parents and continues to be one of my favorite weekends and now my own children's favorite weekend. Uncle Leon's home in the Poconos led my parents to a vacation home in the Poconos as well. Aunt Betty and Uncle Leon shared their home & experience with us and for that I will be forever grateful! With Love, Maureen*

Maureen Reidy Moran - July 25, 2022 at 10:42 PM

FC

“ *I remember you well from machine shop, plebe year, 1966-67. The skills you taught me have served me well in my sea-going career, and life in general. I will always remember you as a kind and warm-hearted man. You were always there to answer any question, at any time. I appreciate everything I learned from you. I am blessed to have known you. My sincerest condolences to your family and friends. RIP Mr. Malinoski. You will be missed.*
Frank Cranmer KP '70

Frank Cranmer - July 25, 2022 at 03:12 PM

JD

“ *As Poppy would say, he lived to his 97th year. 75 years of marriage, showing all of us men how to do it right. I love you, Poppy, and will miss you. Hopefully, you will get to play lots of golf with the family in heaven - just make sure that you keep score so that you can continue to win every time!*

Joseph Dragone - July 25, 2022 at 09:53 AM

FM

“ *Godspeed uncle Leo, look for my mom when you get to heaven*

Frank Malinoski - July 25, 2022 at 06:08 AM

FM

“ *Rest in peace my big brother-from Frank*

Frank Malinoski - July 25, 2022 at 06:06 AM

KB

“ My heartfelt condolences to Aunt Betty, Liz, MaryAnne, Leon, Joe and family. I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Leon from visiting their home often as a kid with great fun and cookouts and singing & games, to many early family reunions with Uncle Leon organizing softball games, raffle emcee, dancing and lots of other fun. Uncle Leon was one of the groomsmen when my parents got married, too. Sending love and hugs to you.

Kathy Brown - July 24, 2022 at 11:03 PM

MT

My memories of Mr. Malinoski are those of a caring and kind soul in the midst of the trials that go along with plebe year. I also still have the gear puller that we made that year and the lessons I learned have served me well over the last 50 years. My heart goes out to his family who will miss him.

Mike Thrower '70

Mike Thrower - July 27, 2022 at 09:27 AM

AC

I think Leon Malinoski ranks among the finest faculty members ever to have taught at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He made sure every cadet finished their lathe project and to a satisfactory level. As needed this included ordering the cadet (this would include myself) down to the shop while he personally observed the cadet finishing her or his project. He stood nearby but never took the role of micromanager. One could ask him a question and he would teach. The cadet had to do the work and to the requisite level.

God help you if you left a chuck key in the lathe. Rightly so. Punishment was severe. Mr. Malinoski was probably the first to make me appreciate one's strict duty to ensure safety of life and property. Being lucky enough to work several years in naval nuclear propulsion, this credo has served me well ever since.

What an exceptional officer, civil servant and teacher.

Kind wishes to the family.

Ailan Chubb
USMMA Class of 1983

Ailan Chubb - January 28, 2023 at 12:04 PM