

O'ROURKE, DENNIS J.

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Dennis J. O'Rourke, 57, of Danbury, husband of the late Rose (Gaspar Poccia) O'Rourke, passed away at his home on Friday, February 24, 2006, after a lengthy illness. Dennis was born in Yonkers, NY on November 19, 1948, son of Marion (Kerr) O'Rourke and the late Charles W. O'Rourke. Dennis grew up in Yonkers, was active in the Colts Boys Club, and went to Scarborough Country Day School on a football scholarship. Upon graduation, Dennis joined the Navy and spent over two years in the Pacific Theatre during Viet Nam. After serving in the Navy for four years, Dennis became a corrections officer for Westchester County and then went on to become a police officer for the town of Harrison, NY. In 1983, he retired due to a disabling injury on the job. Upon his retirement he continued his activities with various organizations. He was a Past President and Trustee of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester County, being named the Irishman of the Year in 2004; he was a member of the Police, Fire & Anchor Club of Westchester County, the Harrison Police Retired Group, The American Legion Post 8 of New Rochelle, a lifetime member of the V.F.W., the Harrison, NY P.B.A. the American Irish Association of Westchester County, NY Police and Fire Retiree Assoc. Inc. and the F.O.P. Lodge 9. In addition to his mother, Dennis is survived by his two sisters, Colleen and Sharon O'Rourke of Danbury, his brother, Charles J. O'Rourke and his wife Valerie of Hopewell Junction, NY; his nephew Kyle O'Rourke; his step-daughter Crystal Carroll of West Palm Beach, FL; his four stepgrandchildren, TJ Seith, Jennifer and Natasha Hall and Tia Carroll; his great step-grandson John Dunn, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins and wonderful life-long devoted friends. The family would like to acknowledge all of the healthcare professionals who have helped Dennis in his long journey. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at Blessed Sacrament Church in New Rochelle, NY at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Greenwood Union Cemetery in Rye, NY. Friends may call at the Green Funeral Home, 57 Main Street, Danbury, CT on Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 8:00pm and on Wednesday evening at Lloyd Maxcy Funeral Home, 16 Shea Place, New Rochelle, NY from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dennis's memory may be made to: Police Emerald Society of Westchester/ Dennis J. O'Rourke Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 177, Hawthorne, NY

10532, or Housatonic Habitat For Humanity, 1 Padanaram Rd., Suite 151, Danbury, CT 06811, or Danbury Hospital Development Fund, 24 Hospital Ave., Danbury, CT 06810. Green Funeral Home is in cha