

James F. O'Connor

EASTHAM — James F. O'Connor, of Eastham and Vero Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis.

Born in New Bedford to Jeremiah and Annie O'Connor, James attended Holy Family High School and North Adams State College. He taught school in New Bedford and Springfield and later opened his own real estate appraisal firm in Westfield.

James was a communicant of St. Mary's in Westfield, St. Joan of Arc in Orleans, and Holy Cross Church in Vero Beach, Fla. He was a lifetime member of the Sons of Erin in Westfield, and a member of the Eastham-Orleans Elks Lodge.

James is survived by his wife, Anne (Kinsella) O'Connor; and children James M. O'Connor and his wife, Donna, and their children Chelsey and Matthew; Thomas O'Connor and his wife, Carol; Robert O'Connor and his wife, Kim, and their children Daniel, Grace and Lauren; Jack O'Connor and his wife, Kerry, and their children Kathryn and Carly, all of Westfield; Mary Jane Pecze and her husband, Mike, and their children Jaclyn, Doug, John, Alex and Abby of Ashland; Patricia Riley and her husband, Dave, and their children Casey, Cam, Michael, Sam, Ben and Madelyn of Ludlow; and Maureen Robertson and her husband, Kent, and their children Andy and Emily of Parkland, Fla.; and stepchildren Christopher Kinsella of Arlington Heights, Chicago, and Colleen Kinsella and Caleb, and their daughter Quinnisa of South Portland, Maine. He is survived by a brother, John O'Connor of North Dartmouth, nephews Paul and Jimmy Whitehead, and a niece, Joan Peppin. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Theresa O'Connor, niece Anne Nipper, and nephews Jerry and Michael of Florida, and Danny of Reno, Nev. He was predeceased by his wife, Rita; a sister, Katherine Whitehead of Fairhaven; and a twin brother, Jeremiah O'Connor of Vero Beach, Fla.

A funeral will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, from the Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield, followed by a Liturgy of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 28 Bartlett St., Westfield. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Westfield. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sisters of St. Joseph Mount Marie, 34 Lower Westfield Road, Holyoke, MA 01040.