



Patrick J. Paradis, 85

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YARMOUTH PORT — Patrick Joseph Paradis, of Yarmouth Port, and formerly of Nantucket, died Wednesday, Sept 25, 2013. He was 85.

Mr. Paradis was born March 17, 1928, in New Bedford, MA, the 11th child of Mack and Marie Paradis, the youngest and only boy. The family moved to Nantucket when he was nine months old.

Mr. Paradis attended Nantucket Public Schools, played basketball and helped his father in his building and caretaking work. He graduated from Nantucket High School in 1945 at the age of 17. In the summer of 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was sent to basic training in Bainbridge, MD. Stationed at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, he served aboard the USS Muliphen AKA-61. On Aug. 6, 1947, they crossed the Arctic Circle, granting Mr. Paradis entry into the Brotherhood of the Northern Domain of the Polar Bear. He was granted an honorable discharge from the Navy December 27, 1947.

After serving his country, Mr. Paradis returned to Nantucket to continue working with his father as a carpenter and caretaker. In 1957, he married Delphine Dalmas, who had come to the island to work as a summer nurse. He worked for Marine Lumber Company, went to college to earn a teaching certificate, taught woodworking at Coffin School for 11 years, had three children, built his own homes, and then bought the Stone Barn Inn. While his wife ran the inn, he had a picture-frame business and operated his own building company. During this time he was written up in Architectural Digest and worked on the Harbor House Hotel complex.

In 1985, the Paradises sold the Stone Barn Inn and retired to Amelia Island, FL, where they bought some commercial property and opened a gift shop. Missing home and family, they returned to Nantucket in 1990, where Mr. Paradis was drawn out of retirement to be clerk of the works, or owners' representative, on a number of projects, including the Atheneum, Nantucket Cottage Hospital, the Nantucket Whaling and Peter Foulger Museums, Shelburne Commons, and others.

Mr. Paradis loved scalloping and golf. He was a member of the Sankaty Head Golf Club and a founding member of the Miacomet Golf Club. When he and Delphine move to Yarmouth Port in 2007 to truly retire, he was active in the Kings Way Condominium Association and a member of its Golf Club.

Mr. Paradis is survived by his wife Delphine; his three children, Anne Barrett, Nicholas Paradis, Stephen Paradis and their spouses; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; many nieces and nephews; and his sister, Therese Woodward.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nantucket Historical Association.

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