



John F. Foley

John was born November 24, 1936, in Boston. He is the oldest of five children born to John F. Foley and Ellen Agnes (Cunningham) Foley. At the age of four, young John moved his family from South Boston to Quincy, where he grew up, first as a member of Sacred Heart Parish in North Quincy and then as a member of St. Ann's Parish in Wollaston.

He graduated from Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree in 1954 and entered Cardinal O'Connell Minor Seminary. In 1956 he entered St. John's Major Seminary, later withdrawing in the middle of Second Theology. He crossed the street to Boston College and graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

John enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June 1961, and was accepted into the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate Program at Newport, Rhode Island. He was commissioned an Ensign on November 17, 1961. He served aboard ship (USS Nitro AE23) for almost two years. After Nitro he taught navigation at OCS for two years, completing a little over four years of active duty in October 1965. He served a number of years of reserve duty, the last duty station being the U.S. Naval Air Station in South Weymouth, Massachusetts. He retired from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

John's civilian career was in Human Resources, beginning in Boston, then to Manchester, New Hampshire, and then to Keene, New Hampshire. He retired from a bank holding company as Senior Vice President, Human Resources, in 1997.

Carole, the love of his life, and John were married at St. Ann's Church, Wollaston, August 25, 1962. They are the happy parents of three sons. Jack, the oldest and Lisa, his wife, have two boys. Jack is an attorney in private practice in Salem, Massachusetts. Patrick, the youngest, and Kelly his wife, have two boys and a girl. Patrick is Vice Principal of a high school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Brian, the middle son, and Marilyn, his wife, live in Jacksonville, Florida, where Brian is a law school professor.

Carole and John spend their time in various activities. They visit and are visited by the guys, their wives, and the grandchildren often. They have made many wonderful trips to Ireland (4), England (2), and one each to France, Italy, Germany, Austria, and to the Canadian Maritimes.

Both are proud to hold dual citizenship in Ireland and the U.S.

Carole volunteers at Red Cross, as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass and at several nursing homes. John is a Eucharistic Minister and an Altar Server, also serving on his parish Finance Council. He has been a board member at Cheshire Hospital in Keene and at New Hampshire Catholic Charities in Manchester, NH, retiring from both after thirteen years and fourteen years respectively.

John is a Knight Grand Cross and Carole is a Lady Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.