



## **ROGER PATRICK REIDY**

Born on March 17, 1925, Roger was raised in Newton, MA, graduating from Newton High School in 1942. He went on to Harvard University earning a B.S and M.S. in Civil Engineering as a member of the Class of 1946. While attending Harvard, Roger proudly served his country in WWII as an officer in the Navy Seabees. Stationed in Guam, Roger was responsible for the construction of airfields crucial to the war effort in the ongoing conflict in the Pacific.

After leaving the service, he thrived as a structural engineer at the firm of his father, Maurice A. Reidy, and was involved in numerous Boston landmarks, such as the construction of the Copley Plaza Hotel, St. Anthony's Shrine, and renovations to the Old North Church. He eventually left the United States to work for the Catholic Church in Lima, Peru, with the Sons of Mary Missionary Society of Framingham, MA. In Lima, he met his wife, Imelda, and the two settled in Framingham, where they raised three children, Dana of Warren, Abby of Hanover, NH, and James of West Roxbury.

Along with engineering, Roger started a film company, American Productions, and made promotional films for the Archdioceses of Boston and Miami. Roger was a wordsmith, the go-to speech-writer for family gatherings to class reunions, most recently giving the reflection for the memorial service at his 65th Harvard reunion.

In 2006, he became a regular contributing columnist for the MetroWest Daily News, publishing dozens of columns pertaining to modern culture and the Church. He was known for his quick wit and unmatched ability to remain young at heart even as his body continued to age.

He loved to talk, listen and laugh with his family as those moments gave him great joy even in times of illness. He was an avid sportsman, a golfer and skier, and a loyal fan of his beloved Boston sports teams. Roger was a dedicated parishioner of St. George's Church and an even more enthusiastic member of its choir. He loved to sing and was blessed with this ability into the final days of his life.

Roger died on January 19th, 2013. A gentleman and a scholar up to the end, Roger touched all who knew him by his deep Catholic faith, his humor, his keen intellect, and his passionate love for his wife and family.