



Robert Shea

Robert Shea was born in South Boston and raised in Dorchester (St. Peter Parish), the fourth of seven children of William and Helen Shea. From the John Marshall School, he went to Boston Latin School and graduated in 1954. Following a year at Tufts College in Medford, he transferred to Cardinal O'Connell Minor Seminary, joining the Class of 1962 at St. John's Seminary. After two years of Philosophy at St. Clement's Hall he moved over to St. William's Hall for almost the full academic year, at which time he chose to return to secular pursuits.

Following his departure from the seminary, he went to Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. in November, 1959, from which he graduated in April 1960, receiving his commission as an Ensign. His first assignment in the Navy was Communications School and his last assignment was at the Communications Station, both in Newport. It was during this last assignment that the Cuban missile crisis erupted. Between those two duty stations ashore, he served as a crypto watch officer and Signal Division Officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence which made regular deployments to the Mediterranean and the Caribbean and was on station during the Bay of Pigs incident.

After the Navy, he returned to Dorchester and decided to become a lawyer. He went to Boston College Law School and graduated in 1968. He was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts and in Florida, but practiced only in Massachusetts. About this time he married his wife, Rosemary, who had recently graduated from Emmanuel College and started teaching in Plymouth.

Since moving to Plymouth in 1969, he has been involved in a wide variety of activities, some with St. Peter Parish (Plymouth) and others with local government and fraternal

organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, as a Fourth Degree member and a Past Grand Knight. He is also a life member of the Navy League and a Past Commodore of the Plymouth Yacht Club.

In his professional life, he is a Past President of the Plymouth District Bar Association and a former Plymouth Town Counsel. He was also one of the original incorporators of the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts. He retired from the general practice of law after a 43 year career in Plymouth.

He and Rosemary have two grown children and two young grandchildren who provide more than enough excitement for them as the years pass.