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## OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

### Harold P. "Harry" Coyle

*Nashua NH, formerly of Littleton; 86*

NASHUA, New Hampshire — Harold P. "Harry" Coyle, 86, died Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at St.



Joseph Hospital in Nashua surrounded by many loving family members. He was a 30 year resident of Littleton MA, before retiring to NH.

He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth "Bettye" (Drew) Coyle, with whom he would have celebrated a 61st anniversary this October.

Born in New Haven CT, December 28, 1923, he was the sixth of nine children of the late Joseph P. and Mary Jane (Langdon) Coyle. He grew up in West Haven CT, where he became an expert swimmer along its beaches.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve in WWII, serving from 1943-46 as a sonarman aboard the destroyer escorts USS Wintle (DE-25) and USS Finch (DE-328) in the Pacific theater, earning four battle stars. After his honorable discharge, he enrolled in the Massachusetts College of Art, where he met his future wife and from which he graduated with a bachelor's degree in art education in 1951.

For more than 30 years, Harry worked as a technical writer on defense projects with Raytheon, retiring in 1987. He also taught art at the Shattuck Street School in Littleton MA, in the mid-1960s. His artistic and technical talents also appeared in the design and artwork for Littleton town reports from the late 1950s to early 1960s, as well as editorial cartoons for the Littleton Independent from the 1960s to late 70s.

During the 1960s, he served as a deacon of the Littleton Congregational Church, where he was also active in its choir and superintended its Sunday school program.

Harry loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hiking and, in later years, photography. But his greatest joy was spending time with his family, including his six grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Harold Jr. and his wife Irene of Ayer MA, and two daughters, Susanne Cutuli and her husband Salvatore of Kingston NH, and Diane Larsen and her husband Jeffrey of Townsend MA. He is also survived by a brother, Thomas Coyle and his wife Marie of Rio Rancho NM, as well as many nieces and nephews.

**COYLE — A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held on Monday, September 13 at 2 P.M. at the Littleton Congregational Church, King St., Littleton. See [Director@BadgerFuneral.com](mailto:Director@BadgerFuneral.com)**