



James P. Coughlin

09/10/1918 - 11/21/2009

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Winneconne, Wisconsin

James P. Coughlin, "Mr. Winneconne", age 91, passed away Saturday, November 21, 2009, with family at his side.

James was born on September 10, 1918, the son of James M. Coughlin and Rose (Holtz) Coughlin. James graduated from Winneconne High School in 1937. Later in life he funded several scholarships through the Winneconne school system.

For many years, he owned and operated Coughlin Corporation Real Estate and Development Company, which helped to make Winneconne what it is today.

James was an avid Wisconsin History book collector. His collection is on display at the Rose Coughlin room at the Winneconne Village Library.

James was a proud and outstanding citizen of Wisconsin. His life and career stands as an example to all in public service. He always said that he was proud to be an Irish Democrat in Winneconne.

His lists of accomplishments are many and varied:

Winnebago County Executive, 1977 - 1985, Village President of Winneconne, 1959 - 1995, Wisconsin League of Municipalities, Winnebago County Board, Wisconsin County Board Association, Winneconne Men's Club, Charter Member of the Winneconne Historical Society, Charter Member of the Winneconne Chamber of Commerce, Serra Club of Oshkosh, Life Member of the Elks Club

James is survived by two sisters, Rosemary Palmer, of Midland, Michigan; Katherine, of Winneconne; one brother, Patrick, of Appleton, as well as thirteen nieces and nephews; and his special friends, Michael and Joan Meyer; and Marge Eid.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Rose and James; and brothers, Father Martin Coughlin, Edwin, Bernard, Thomas, John; and sisters, Eileen and Marie; sister-in-laws, Julia, and Catherine "Kate"; brother-in-law, William; and a niece, Margaret Stark.

A Funeral Mass celebrating James' life will be held on Friday, November 27, 2009, at Noon at St. Mary Catholic Church, 210 Pleasant Drive, Winneconne, with Fr. Doug LeCaptain and Sharon Baker officiating. Burial will be in the Winneconne Cemetery. A Visitation for family and friends will be on Friday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

The Coughlin family extends thanks to the administration and staff of Park View Health Center and Prairie Side North for the care and thoughtfulness given to James during his last days.

In lieu of flowers, any memorials may be directed to Park View Health Center or the James Coughlin Scholarship Fund at Winneconne Public Schools.

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