

Donald Tkacy

(TWFD Honorary Member - Dies at 97)



The Town of Watertown Fire Department adopted a firefighter and his wife who are residents of the FASNY's Firemen's Home in Hudson, NY. Don would have turned 98 on April 7th.

Donald "Dinge" Tkacy, 97, of Hudson, passed away Wednesday March 18, 2020 under Hospice care at the NYS Firemen's Home. Born April 7, 1922 in Hudson, NY, he is the son of Stanislaw and Mary (Skalaczka) Tkazch. A lifelong Hudson resident, Don was a 1939 graduate of Hudson High School, serving as class president. Don was Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy as an Aviation Ordnance Man having served tours in Africa and Okinawa. Earlier careers included working at Universal Match Corp., Pulver Gas and Oil, and Swiss Farms. Dinge was best known for his careers in local politics, from which he retired on December 31, 1995. Offices held by Dinge included Columbia County Coroner, Treasurer, Clerk, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Jurors, and 5th Ward Supervisor. Throughout his career in local politics, Don received many awards and accolades. He was a Communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its Men's Club, Communicant of Holy Trinity Church St. Mary's Parish, a member of CH Evans Hook & Ladder, Hudson Elks #787, The Federation of Polish Sportsmen, Kalicoonte Rod & Gun Club, American Legion, and Knights of Columbus. He was also an Honorary member of The Town of Watertown Fire Department.