

Paul L. Lausier, 80



MARBLE-HEAD — Paul L. Lausier, Marblehead Town Counsel for 47 years, died on Friday, Feb. 9, 2007.

The convening of town meeting in Marblehead for close to five decades was marked by the presence of the witty, commonsensical legal wizardry of Town Counsel Paul Lausier. Beyond presiding over these town assemblies, Paul Lausier was ever-present and available to provide advice and help to the town's people. He did all of this with directness and clarity. He knew how to temper the rigidity of the black letter of the law for practical application in conducting the business of the town and its citizens. He was a man who knew municipal and administrative law in depth.

As best his family can determine, Paul Lausier may have been the longest serving Town Counsel in Massachusetts, so it was that Attorney Lausier came to serve his beloved hometown, the place where he was born at home 80 years ago on Jan. 31, 1927. Paul Lausier died, as he had requested in the ending days of his illness, in the home in which he had lived in the heart of "downtown" Marblehead surrounded by his wife, daughters, grandchildren and nephew, Fred.

Paul Lausier graduated from Marblehead High School in 1945, leaving immediately to serve his

country in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was later recalled during the Korean War. While serving as a policeman in Marblehead, he attended Suffolk University and graduated from Suffolk Law School, Class of 1958. He was a member of both the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Essex County Bar Association for more than 50 years. In addition to practicing law with his wife, Patricia, acting as Town Counsel to Marblehead retiring in 2005, he also acted as General Counsel to the Marblehead Savings Bank and Chairman of the Marblehead Historic Commission. He was a member of Tedesco County Club.

Paul Lausier leaves his wife Patricia (Maxey) Lausier: five daughters, Elizabeth of Mendon, Nev., Emily Smith and her husband David of Marblehead, Abigail Murphy and her husband Timothy of Oxford, Miss., Gabrielle Hunt and her husband David of Weare, N.H., and Hannah Stone and her husband Ethan of Swampscott. He also leaves 12 grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Marblehead Historic Commission, Abbot Hall, Marblehead or to Hospice of the North Shore, 10 Elm St., Danvers, MA. Visiting hours will be on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Eustis and Cornell Funeral Home, 142 Elm St., Marblehead, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington St., Marblehead. His Marblehead spirit will ever preside in Abbot Hall.