FRANK McMAHON

Class of 1933 Inducted 2002

Frank McMahon, Class of 1933, best known as the owner of the McMahon, Lyon and Hartnett Funeral Home, has spent his entire life dedicated to the people and the city of White Plains.

Born in White Plains, Mr. McMahon was a member of the high school football team and played on the first school hockey team in 1930. He was also an accomplished drummer, playing in many school, and later, professional groups. He graduated from The Collier School of Funeral Directors & Embalming in New York City and, in 1942, he founded Tracy-McMahon Funeral Home. In 1964 he acquired the 100 year old Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home.

Fire fighting has been an important part of Mr. McMahon life. He has been a volunteer firefighter and member of Hope Engine Co. #1 for 60 years, where he was president, and later, captain. He served as president of the White Plains Fireman's Relief Association for 21 years and was a director of the Exempt Fireman's Association. He was elected chief of the White Plains Fire Department Volunteer Division and served two years. He is a member of the Westchester County and New York State Firechiefs Associations.

In the 1960's, Mr. McMahon served eight years on the White Plains Common Council. He was secretary, and later treasurer, of the White Plains Urban Renewal Authority and was a member of the Traffic and Public Safety Commission.

Among many other community activities Mr. McMahon is a past president of the Lions Club, was a Scout Commissioner, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has been a member of the Metropolitan New York State National Funeral Directors Association since the 1940's and is a life member of the White Plains Historical Society, which has named him "Citizen Extraordinaire".

Mr. McMahon has three daughters, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.