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Frank H. DeLello Sr.  
Date of Death  
February 22, 2001

**Frank H. DeLello Sr.**

Frank H. DeLello Sr., 82, of Hackettstown, died Feb. 22 at Largo Medical Center, Largo, Fl.

Born Aug. 31, 1918 in Netcong, he lived in Dover prior to moving to Hackettstown several years ago. He was the son of the late Vincenzo Debucci DeLello and the late Ralph DeLello.

He served in the Army from 1941-1945 in World War II.

Survivors include three sons, Frank DeLello Jr of Dickson City, Pa., William J. DeLello of Rocky Mountain, N.C., and Gerald DeLello of Budd Lake; two sisters, Helen Raiver of Morristown and Mary Espezito of Netcong; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Velma Vargo in 1996 and also predeceased by a brother Ralph and a sister, Mildred Fox.

He was an agent/owner of N.J. Motor Vehicle; Washington, owner of Hackettstown Furniture Company, Hackettstown, and was a manager of Adrains Furniture Company.

He was past president of the Hackettstown Trade Association, chairman of the Property Owners Program, 1967 Beautify Main St., Hackettstown; earned an award from the Hackettstown Trade Association in "Recognition of Outstanding Service," "Directory of Promotion, 1975," was past chairman of the Hackettstown Heart Fund, past trustee of Northwest Community Action Program, was a member of the Hackettstown Planning Board, of which he served as chairman for three years, served for 14 years as chairman of the Hackettstown Parking Authority, 17 year-member of the authority and earned its 'Outstanding Service' plaque in 1978, was a past member of the Hackettstown Design Committee, Hackettstown Civic Advisory Committee, was a member of the Hackettstown Municipal Utility Authority from 1982-91 and chaired the authority during that time. He was a past president of the Hackettstown Kiwanis Club, was chairman of various committees which made major contributions to the community, and earned the Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award for "Outstanding Service."

He was an original board member of Hackettstown Community Hospital, was past president of the Hackettstown Civic Advisory Committee for the hospital, was a life member of the Civic Advisory Committee, was a past member of the executive board of the hospital, was past member of the Personnel Committee, was a member of the Hackettstown Community Hospital Foundation, and received the following awards: Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Unselfish Service, 1974; Certificate awarded as an Early Member on the Hospital Board, 1974; Certificate of Appreciation introducing the Seventh Day Adventist to the hospital board and for the travel throughout the state of New Jersey to Washington, D.C., to obtain assistance and aide in establishing the hospital, and was a life member of the Executive Board.

He was the past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and Honorary Life Member 3rd and 4th Degree; past member of the Lafayette Council, Dover; Grand Knight, Lafayette Council; member, Joyce Kilmer Council of Hackettstown; member, Walter Barrett Assembly; past member, Uncle Sam's Society, charter member and first president; past president, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Hackettstown; past secretary, N.J. District of Eagles; past trustee, Hackettstown Eagles; awarded for "Outstanding and Unselfish Service," 1971; emeritus status, Hackettstown Community Hospital Foundation for his years of service from Sept. 23, 1980 to Jan. 20, 1998.

He was active in the Warren County Republican Committee, the Hackettstown Municipal Republican Committee, and served on the Warren County Tax Board.

A Mass was held at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, Hackettstown. Arrangements were by Cochran Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hackettstown Community Hospital, or Karen Ann Quinlan Center of Hope Hospice, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, N.J. 07860. Interment was at Stanhope Union Cemetery, Stanhope.