

Nicholas DeRienzo

MANSFIELD TWP. — Nicholas J. DeRienzo, 71, formerly of Washington, died Saturday, Aug. 16, in Warren Haven Nursing Home.

Born Oct. 4, 1925, in Summit he was a son of the late Frank and Giovaninnia DeRienzo. He lived in Washington since 1984, coming from the Diamond Hill area of Mansfield Township.

He was president, part-owner and general manager of Warren Broadcasting Corp., a licensee of WCRV-AM in Washington, and WFMV-FM in Blairstown. Prior to 1966, he was a news reporter, announcer and news director for WMTR in Morristown. After his retirement, he was a food vendor, owning and operating a number of "push cart" style hot dog stands in the Warren County area.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict from 1944 to 1950; and was in the National Guard from 1952-53.

He was a graduate of Summit High School; a graduate of Officer Candidate School in Fort Knox, Ky.; a graduate of the Alviene Academy of Dramatic Art and a graduate of the School of Television Technique, both in New York City.

He was a member of American Legion Post 103 in Washington; member of the Washington Chapter of Kiwanis International; past president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hackettstown Chamber of Commerce; past chairman and president of the Washington Centennial Foundation; a former member of the Warren County Economic Commission; and a member of the former Warren County Health Advisory Council.

He and his brothers were musicians who founded the DeRienzo Brothers Dance Orchestra.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth "Betty" Reed of Washington; two sons, John F. of Hackettstown and Robert B. of Morristown; a daughter, Nancy D'Albis of Hackettstown; two brothers, Frank A. and Albert W., both of Summit; and a granddaughter.

Services were held in Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hackettstown. The Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown, was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in St. Theresa's Cemetery in Summit.

The family requests memorials to Warren Haven Strolling Path Project, 350 Oxford St., Oxford, N.J. 07863.

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