

## • Ronald R. Despres

DOVER, N.J. -- Ronald R. Despres, 73, of North Main Street, Hackettstown, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, at St. Clare's Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Edna Schmidt.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., he lived in New York City, Morristown and Hackettstown for the past 30 years.

A member of the Church of the Assumption, Hackettstown, Mr. Despres was an accountant for 39 years at Allied Chemical in Morristown until he retired in 1989.

He was a Navy veteran who served from 1943-1946 aboard the USS Iowa.

He was a member and longtime secretary of the Hackettstown Moose Lodge 816 and the American Legion Blue Ridge Post 164, both in Hackettstown. He was made a Pilgrim of the Moose in 1995.

Survivors include his widow; five sons, Ronald Despres of Pohatcong Township, Adam Despres, stationed with the Air Force in England, Peter Despres of Stewartsville and Robert Despres and Anthony Despres, both of Hackettstown; a brother, Normand Despres of Fairhaven, Mass.; a sister, Yolande Despres of New Bedford; and three grandchildren.

His funeral Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of the Assumption, Hackettstown. Burial will be in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows.

Arrangements are by Scala Memorial Home, 124 High St., Hackettstown.