## **OBITUARY**

Ronald R. Despres

Ronald R. Despres, 73, of Hackettstown, died Jan. 8 at Saint Clare's Hospital Dover Campus after a long illness.

Born Sept. 21, 1926 in New Bedford, Mass. He resided in New York City, Morristown and for the past 30 years in Hackettstown.

He retired in 1989 after 39 years as an accountant with Allied Chemical in Morristown.

He was in the Navy from 1943 to 1946, serving aboard the USS Iowa.

He was a member of the Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown.

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 wife, Edna Schmidt, at home; five sons, Ronald of Pohatcong Township, Robert and Anthony at home, Adam, stationed with the Air Force in England and Peter of Stewartsville; a brother, Normand of Newhaven, Mass.; a sister, Yolande Despres of New Bedford, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at the Church of the Assumption.

Interment was in Pequest Union Cemetery in Great Meadows.

Arrangements were by Scala Memorial Home in Hackettstown.

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