

Francis Flaherty Former selectman

Francis "Red" Flaherty, 85, of Littleton, died on Sunday, June 14, 1998, at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He was the husband of Helen (Deveau) Flaherty.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Francis and Regina (Delany) Flaherty. He spent his early life in Cambridge and was a 1930 graduate of Rindge Technical High School.

He worked at BB Chemical Co., a subsidiary of United Shoe Company, now known as Bostik Chemical, until his retirement in 1975.

From 1959 to 1962, Mr. Flaherty served on Littleton's Board of Selectman and as chairman of various fund drives such as the Red Cross and the March of Dimes. He was appointed a Special Police Officer of the town of Littleton from 1949 to the present.

He was associated with many organizations, including the Cultural Council, the Lake Matawanakee Association, the Lyceum, the Historical Society, Grange #420 and the Senior Citizens, all of Littleton, and the Chelmsford Elks Club #2310. He was also a Lector and Eucharistic Minister for St. Anne's Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister, Alice Braun of Arlington; a brother, Robert R. of Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated today at St. Anne's Church, Littleton with burial at Westlawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anne's Church, King St., Littleton, MA 01460.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Badger Funeral Home in Littleton.