

Notable Mentions

In Memoriam

~ 2011 REPORT ~



The Town of Milford Board of Selectmen would like to give it sympathies to all of its residents who lost a loved-one in 2011.

Brenda Lynch – February 6, 2011 - On Sunday, February 6, 2011, the Milford Police Department lost one of their long-standing crossing guards – Brenda Lynch. Brenda was employed by the MPD on October 13, 1987 – taking over the post at the Bales & Jacques schools long held by her mother-in-law, Madeline Lynch. Chief Douglas advises that, throughout her employment, Brenda was like a “rock.”

In his eulogy, the Chief described Brenda as “loyal, dependable, kind, dedicated, caring and professional. She was someone that he always could depend on and, first and foremost, she always had the best interest and the safety of the children of Milford in mind. Her passing leaves a huge void in our hearts and in our department. She is and always will be missed.”

Between Madeline (who served as Crossing Guard from 1960 to 1992) and Brenda (who served from 1987 to 2011), the Town of Milford had 51 years of a “Lynch” Crossing Guard watching over the school children and I’m sure many of you probably had either Madeline or Brenda serving as your Crossing Guard.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brenda’s husband, Thomas, her daughter, Jennifer, and the members of the Milford Police Department on this great loss. We are sure that Brenda will be missed by the children she served and the many who knew her.

Willie Leduc – November 26, 2011 - This past year Milford lost one of its most outstanding citizens, Wilfred Leduc, known to us all as “Willie.”

In 1981 Willie was elected Town Clerk and at that time that position also came with the appointment of Tax Collector, so until he retired in 1995 he wore two hats, and he wore them well. He also enjoyed working with elections so even after he retired from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position he was summoned by his successors to continue assisting at the polls and later he was appointed Assistant Moderator.

Willie had a great sense of humor and he always had a joke or story to tell. Willie loved Milford and enjoyed staying in touch with Town affairs and because of that in 2004 he ran for Town Treasurer. Fortunately for everyone he won the election which gave Milford a truly dedicated watchdog and it gave us the continued chance to see him frequently and share his wit and wisdom.

Willie was a very kind and humble man who loved his family; he would always talk about them with such pride. Willie was one of a kind and he will always be remembered as a good friend to everyone who knew him. He was also our go to person if we needed to know something from “back in the day.” Anyone who remembers “back in the day”, will know that on Christmas Eve we could always count on him for his famous meatballs and cranberry juice for the Holiday Christmas Party.

He is very much missed and will be for quite some time. It was a privilege to have known and worked with him and we are all the better for it.