

## Former Stone Harbor Councilman James Kilsdonk, 78

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STONE HARBOR — James J. Kilsdonk, 78, of this community, died Jan. 2, 2008 at Cape Regional Medical Center.

He served for six years on Stone Harbor Borough Council, and was keenly interested in boating.

He was a member of St. Paul's R.C. Church, and was active in numerous local organizations. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Union League of Philadelphia, American Legion Post 0331, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Realty Owners Association of Stone Harbor, Garden Club of Stone Harbor, Lions Club of Stone Harbor, the Stone Harbor Seniors, Stone Harbor Museum, The Wetlands Institute, and the Seven Mile Island Singers.

Born in Detroit, he moved to Stone Harbor permanently in 1994 from Lower Merion, Pa. after summering here since 1989.

A 1947 graduate of University of Detroit High School and Academy and a 1951 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served three years on the destroyer USS Stribling during the Korean Conflict before being discharged in 1954 as lieutenant junior grade. He married Carolyn Louise Limbaugh on Oct. 19, 1963.

Kilsdonk received his JD degree from University of Michigan Law School in 1957. He was an attorney for Dewey, Ballentine, Palmer and Wood in New York. He then became partner in the law firm of Seward and Kissel before moving to IU International in Philadelphia. He completed his career as general consul for General Waterworks in Philadelphia before retiring in 1994.

He is survived by wife, Carolyn; son Edward James Kilsdonk (Julie) and their sons, Samuel Micajah and Robert Steven; daughter Elizabeth Molinar (Dean) and their children, Jared James and Iris Margaret Molinar; and son Paul Martin Kilsdonk.

He also leaves two sisters, Sister Ann Gabriel Kilsdonk and Kathryn Marchetti (Frank), as well as many nephews, a niece, and many great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by sister Joan Catherine Fitzpatrick (Fred), and brother Martin Sexton Kilsdonk (Catherine).

Funeral Mass will be said on Jan. 7, at noon. at St. Paul's Church, 99th Street and Third Avenue, where viewing will begin at 10 a.m.

Interment will be private in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Church, 9910 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247 or to The Wetlands Institute, 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247 or to The Sisters of the IHM Ministry Fund, 610 West Elm Avenue, Monroe, MI 48162-7909.