

James P. Cunavelis, of Shrewsbury, died Tuesday, May 4, 2010. He leaves his wife, Christine (Camougis) Cunavelis; two brothers, George and John Cunavelis, both of Vermont; nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; several cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Helen Cunavelis. He was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., a son of Peter and Vasiliki (Koumparis) Cunavelis, and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy. He attended the University of Vermont and later graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in journalism. James was an Army Air Corps veteran during World War II, serving in England, Libya and Italy. He worked for many years at the Hartford Courant newspaper as a sportswriter and a freelance writer, where he had the opportunity to write stories on such people as pro golfer Jack Nicklaus and former President John F. Kennedy. Previously, he worked for the Telegram and Gazette. James was an active member of the American Legion Post 204, the VFW Post 6907 both in West Boylston, AHEPA Organization and an avid volunteer of the American Red Cross. Even though he was not a graduate of Shrewsbury High School, he was very involved with the establishment of the Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association. The funeral service will be held Friday, May 7, at 11 a.m. in St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 102 Russell St., Worcester, Mass. A calling hour will be held in the church from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial will be on Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. Johnsbury, Vt. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral Family Center, 102 Russell Street, Worcester, MA 01609.