

# Former state Sen. Al Lipin dies at 92

Known for his passion  
for public service

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Alfred J. Lipin, a former state senator and longtime Glen Burnie community leader, died Friday at the age of 92 after suffering a heart attack.

To those who remember Lipin, he was an active member of his community known as an independent business owner with a passion for public service.

His accomplishments included the establishment of the National Guard Armory in Glen Burnie and construction of North Arundel Hospital, now Baltimore Washington Medical Center. He served in the



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General Assembly from 1966 until 1977, and was a founding member and past president of the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce.

"He always said that if you wanted to live in a good community, you

have to do something about it," said Nancy Crawford, his daughter. "He lived by this example."

Lipin is survived by his wife of 68 years, Irene, along with four children.

To his children, Lipin was a loving father who never turned down the opportunity to help those in need. Crawford recalls eating

breakfast with her father as he read them the comics from the Sunday newspaper.

"It was one of my fondest memories, he was really there when you needed him," she said.

Many community officials looked up to Lipin for his leadership. For Daniel Boyd, the current president of the chamber, Lipin's leadership has helped him continue the group's mission of bringing together local businesses.

"I always saw him as a mentor figure. He was instrumental in helping get things started. I know he will be missed," he said.

Boyd said Lipin lobbied to get light rail extended to Anne Arundel County, and played a role in urban renewal efforts in Glen Burnie through creation of the town center and the location of what is now the

George Taylor District Court Building.

After graduating from Glen Burnie High School in 1938, he studied at the University of Baltimore and served in the Army from 1942-1946. Lipin fought at the Battle of Normandy, and earned a commission as a second lieutenant. He later received a Silver Star his service. After returning home, he continued to serve as a captain in the Maryland National Guard from 1948 until 1952.

He took over the family business, Lipin's Hardware, expanded it and opened a second location in Severna Park.

His children agree his love of public service came from his parents.

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“His father was very involved with things in Anne Arundel County, it influenced him greatly,” Crawford said.

In 1967 he was elected to the House of Delegates from District 32, and served from 1967 to 1971. From there he was elected to the state Senate and served until his retirement. Among the issues he focused on was the successful effort to block a plan by Crown Petroleum to build a refinery in the Curtis Bay area.

Lipin also was a president of the Glen Burnie Civic Association, the Civilian Club and Glen Burnie Elks. He was an active member with the

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, American Legion Post 40 and an organizer for the Department of Licensing and Regulation from 1977-1979.

For the last few years, Lipin lived with his daughter Lauri in Hanover and spent most of his time with his grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral were held this morning. Donations may be made in his name to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7436 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. or the Baltimore Washington Medical Center, Attention: Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation, 301 Hospital Drive.

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