



IAAS Walks of Life 2006
Eamon D'Arcy

Eamon D'Arcy was born in 1928 in Newry, County Down, Ireland. At the age of 16, he left school to become an apprentice stonecutter. He immigrated to Toronto, Canada, in 1951, then came to Cleveland in 1955. In 1964, Eamon married Nancy O'Callahan. They now have five daughters, one son, and six grandchildren and are members of St. Clarence Parish in North Olmsted.

A stonecutter for more than 50 years, Eamon for 30 years has owned his own company. His artistry and dedication to his craft can be seen all over Greater Cleveland. His work includes the Irish Famine Memorial in the Flats, The Irish Heritage Club's outside fountain, and The West Side Irish American Club's Celtic Cross and entranceway. Among further examples are the stone work at the Irish Cultural Garden in Rockefeller Park as well as stone works at John Carroll University, Magnificat High School, and many churches, synagogues and private residences.

Eamon is one of the founders of the United Irish Societies, which assumed responsibility for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1958. He served as executive director of the parade from 1974 to 1977. He also is a past president of the St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club and for several years recently was a member of the Irish American Archives Society's board of trustees. He is a member of The West Side Irish American Club, The Irish Heritage Club, and The East Side Irish American Club, and now is celebrating 60 years as a member of The Pioneers Total Abstinence Association. In 2003, Eamon proudly wore the title of Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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