Carey names Islander to board post

Gov. Carey has nominated former Staten Island Democratic leader Dante L. Ferrari to the Board of Visitors of the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook.

Ferrari, 64, a resident of 416 Cromwell Ave., Dongan Hills, was selected to succeed William LaMorte, who died in 1977. His nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

Carey aides could not explain why it took so long for the governor to move to fill the vacancy.

Ferrari retired in August 1977 as chief clerk of the Surrogate's Court, a position he held for 15 years.

In 1971, he defeated Congressman John M. Murphy to become Democratic County chairman. He resigned in January 1973, only 15 months later, because Appellate Division rules prohibit a chief clerk from also serving as county chairman.

If Ferrari is confirmed, his term will expire on Dec. 31, 1982. His nomination was one of 13 announced by Carey to the boards of visitors of various developmental centers and psychiatric centers across the state.