



Chester G. Stawarz

August 14, 1928 - January 5, 2015

Portsmouth – Chester G. Stawarz, 86, of Portsmouth, formerly of Greenland and Springfield, MA, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 5, 2015 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Stawarz was born August 14, 1928 in Springfield, the youngest of eight children, to the late Albert and Catherine (Kozá) Stawarz.

Chet was a veteran of the United States Army. After his time in the service he attended the Springfield Trade School and then worked for the Springfield Armory. He was an accomplished piano, accordion and saxophone player who performed with bands at many locations in the Springfield area and also taught music to a number of students. He and his late wife, Patricia (Sullivan) Stawarz, raised their family in Springfield before moving to the NH Seacoast in 1965. He was employed as a machinist at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for many years and also had worked for Post Machinery and Burgon Tool Steel Company, both of Portsmouth. He also was very active with the Portsmouth Elks Club and was a member of the Frank E. Booma American Legion Post 6.

He leaves his sons, Stephen Stawarz and his wife Susanne of Portsmouth and Edward Stawarz and his wife Cathy of Kittery, ME, his grandchildren, Julia and Elliott Stawarz and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents and his wife Patricia, who died in 1983, Chet was predeceased by his sisters, Catherine Vivenzio, Anielia Candido, Caroline Spedding, Anna Stawarz, Mary Weiser, Genevieve Sonoski and Frances Mayr.

Family and friends may visit from 11 AM to 1 PM on Friday, January 9, 2015 in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A prayer service will be celebrated at 1 PM in the funeral home immediately following the visitation. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Alzheimer's Association, Five Bedford Farms Drive, Suite 105, Bedford, NH 03110. The family would

like to thank the staff at Oceanside Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hampton for their loving care.

Comments



“ Chet,
It was an honor to have spent the last three years with you at Oceanside. My thoughts and prayers are with the Stawarz family.
-Jamie

Jamie - January 19, 2015 at 02:59 AM



“ My Dear Uncle Chet --

I am so very sorry that time and miles and circumstances kept us apart. Men like you represent a very great deal of what is good and decent and proper about this country.

I will always remember the machine shop safety tip that you imparted the last time we spoke -- far too long ago. "Never let the tip of the cutting tool on your lathe get below center!" Our family tradition is that of makers, doers, producers -- the old New England "arsenal of democracy." I try to carry on, in my own small way.

I would give much to sit and talk with you again -- or to hear you rip out another lively polka!

We all lose so much with each passing, yet we all continue to live in each other's memories, in each others' hearts, and in the little things we do every day -- the things that turn out to be the most important of all.

Nothing that I say could possibly be enough. God bless you and keep you forever. No more work, no more worry, no more fear. Rest in peace always.

--Your nephew, Joe

Joe - January 11, 2015 at 06:28 PM



“ You are a special uncle who shared your time, talent, name and birth date. With my love and admiration Carl

Carl - January 11, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ You will always hold a very special place in my heart - my dearest uncle and godfather.
Love , Linda

