

Richard Rawling Obituary (2010) - The Berkshire Eagle

Legacy

Richard A. Rawling 1923-2010 SOUTH EGREMONT Richard A. Rawling, 87, of Creamery Road in South Egremont, passed away on September 27, 2010 at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke. Born July 24, 1923 in Lenox, he was the son of Thomas Clarence Rawling and Lillian Dansereaux Rawling. He attended local schools and graduated from the former Williams High School in Stockbridge. A veteran of World War II he joined the Army Air Corps and was in the European Theatre of war including Normandy. Richard was a Staff Sergeant and support to 416th Bombardment Group, 671st Bomb Squadron and was honorably discharged on October 20, 1945. Richard owned and operated John Giracca Insurance Agency from 1970 1989, previously he worked as an insurance agent for Prudential Insurance from 1954 1969. When he retired, he spent many enjoyable hours in his wood working shop. He was a member of the North Egremont Baptist Church, the Cinninnatus Lodge AF & AM, the Sheffield Kiwanis Club and the Egremont Fire Department. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Virginia Steadler; son Russell and his wife Beth and grandson Jay of Camillus, N.Y., his sisters Shirley LaPier of Williamstown, and Irene Joyner of Inverness, Fla., along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Judy Rawling Paika in 1996 along with his brother Edward and two sisters Priscilla and Lillian. FUNERAL NOTICE: A memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions in Richard's memory may be made to the Soldiers Home in Holyoke through FINNERTY & STEVENS FUNERAL HOME, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230. Remembrances, memories and reflections may be sent to the family through www.finnertyandstevens.com

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