



Donald K. Laws

November 19, 1931 - July 5, 2011

Mr. Donald Kenneth Laws, 79, of 6 Woods Drive, Adams, died Tuesday morning, July 5, 2011, at Williamstown Commons.

He was born in Glasgow, Delaware, on November 19, 1931, a son of the late Charles and Ida (Rickards) Laws. He attended schools in Delaware, and had lived in Adams since 1964.

He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the United States Army from 1951 until his Honorable Discharge in 1953.

Mr. Laws last worked as the chief accountant for Petricca Industries in Pittsfield from 1973 until retiring in December of 1993. Earlier, he had worked as supervisor of the accounting department, manager of employee relations, and controller at the former Budd Co. in Adams and its successors, Rochester Paper Co. and James River-Rochester Corporation.

He was a former member of the First United Methodist Church, North Adams.

He was a longtime bird watcher and was a volunteer at Berkshire Bird Paradise in Petersburg, New York for many years. He enjoyed fishing and refurbishing old hand tools. He enjoyed country music, and Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard were his favorite performers. He was also an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan.

His wife, the former Dorothy J. Litwhiler, whom he married on January 22, 1960, died on June 6, 2009.

He is survived by a son, Donald R. Laws, of Adams;

2 grandchildren, Jill Jenkins of Pittsfield, and John Jenkins of Dalton;

5 sisters, Judy Hutchins, Alice McCommons and Helen Potts, all of Delaware; and Mary Keeley and Betty Reder, both of Maryland; 3 Great Grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Charles Laws.

The funeral will be held on Friday, July 8th, at 10:00 AM in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, MA 01220.

Rev. Donald E. Gray, of the First Baptist Church of Adams, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Friday morning from 9:00 AM until the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Berkshire Bird Paradise, 43 Red Pond Road, Petersburg, New York 12138.