



## Felix F. Szetela

September 8, 1920 - January 4, 2011

Mr. Felix Frank Szetela, 90, of 1 Berkshire Square, Adams, died peacefully following a short illness on Tuesday afternoon, January 4, 2011, at Williamstown Commons, with his family around him.

He was born in Adams on September 8, 1920, a son of the late Frank and Gladys (Strzepek) Szetela, and attended Adams schools.

Mr. Szetela first worked for Colt-Patton Mfg. in Hartford, CT. He then enlisted in the US Navy on October 16, 1942, and was assigned to several war ships, including USS LST 72. He fought in many battles on the African coast and in the European theater, and was in combat on Gold Beach in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He received many decorations, including the Good Conduct, WW II Victory, and American Theater Medals, African-European-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, the Asiatic - Pacific theater Medal with 1 star, and the Purple Heart Medal, for wounds received in action on the African Coast. He was Honorably Discharged on Dec. 16, 1945, and returned to Adams.

Mr. Szetela last worked at Pfizer, Inc. in Adams for 24 ♦ years, until retiring in 1982. Earlier, he had worked at the former Berkshire Fine Spinning Co. and Arnold Print Works, both in Adams.

He was a communicant of the Parish of Pope John Paul the Great, Adams, and had been a communicant of the former St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Adams. He was a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Society, Adams Post 160 American Legion, and the United States LST Association. He enjoyed

hiking, bicycling, mushrooming, reading tales of the old West, watching the Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics, and trips to the casinos.

His wife of 60 years, the former Stacia Wisniowski, died on April 22, 2009.

He is survived by his son, Paul Szetela of Boston, MA;

A sister-in-law, Helen Wisniowski, of Adams; several nieces and nephews, including Ann Robinson and her husband, George, of Adams; Richard Wisniowski and his wife, Barbara, of Adams; Carol Morin of North Adams; Thomas Douglas and his wife, Sally, of Cheshire; Mary Desmarais and her husband, Gerald, of North Adams; Mary Ann Rogers and her husband, Paul, of Eliot, ME; Andrea Palmer and her husband, Ernie, of Ashford, CT; as well as several grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces and great grandnephews. The last of his immediate family, he was predeceased by his brothers Frank, Andrew, Edmund, Anthony and Eugene Szetela, and his sisters Marie Gelazin, Victoria Clarke, Helen Lic and Daisy Kuczenski.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at 9:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in the Parish Church of Pope John Paul the Great, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Daniel J. Boyle, Pastor.

Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Friday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Stanislaus School or to any charity of the donor's choice through the funeral home.