



## James W. Richards

November 17, 1931 - December 12, 2011

Mr. James William Richards, 80, of 50 Williams St. North Adams, died Monday morning, December 12, 2011 at Williamstown Commons.

He was born in Adams on November 17, 1931, a son of the late Edward J. and Anna E. (Douglas) Richards, and attended Adams schools. He had lived in North Adams since 1951.

He was a Veteran of the Korean War, serving with the 31st Infantry Regiment of the US Army, until his honorable discharge as a Corporal in 1954.

Mr. Richards worked as a supervisor at the former Waverly Fabrics division of F. Schumacher & Co. in Adams, until retiring in 1990 after 35 years of service. Earlier, he had worked at the former Berkshire Fine Spinning Co. and the Arnold Print Works, both in Adams.

He had been a communicant of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams, and was a member of Frank R. Stiles Post 125 American Legion in North Adams.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Mary F. Tassone, whom he married on September 29, 1951;

a daughter, Pamela Kidder and her husband, Thomas, of Adams;

2 granddaughters, Scarlett Rajbanshi and her husband, Sanjeev, of Melrose, MA; and Kimberly Kidder of Adams;

2 Great Grandchildren, Damon and Macy; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was predeceased by a son, James W. Richards, Jr. on Nov. 19, 1953; a grandson, Daniel E. Kidder on June 22, 1987; by 2 brothers, John and T. Edward Richards, and by a sister, Eleanor Dean.

The funeral will be held on Friday, Dec. 16th, at 9:45 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Thursday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, or to any charity of the donor's choice, through the funeral home.

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