



Joseph A. Wing

June 26, 1924 - October 9, 2008

Mr. Joseph Archie Wing, 84, of 10 Woods Drive, Adams, died Thursday morning, October 9th, at North Adams Regional Hospital following a long illness.

He was born in Adams on June 26, 1924, son of the late Archie and Helen (Whittle) Wing, and graduated from the former Adams High School with the Class of 1942. He later earned a Bachelor's degree from the former North Adams State College, graduating on the same day as his daughter in 1973.

Mr. Wing was a Veteran of World War II, serving with the US Navy in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He served as an Aviation Machinist's Mate, and later was awarded Combat Air Crew Wings for meritorious service. He had also attended many technical schools while in the Navy. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Mr. Wing first worked loading cotton bales at the former Berkshire Mills, and as a stock and office boy at the former Arnold Print Works. He last worked in the Naval Ordnance Division of General Electric Co. in Pittsfield for 40 years, retiring in 1986.

Mr. Wing served on the Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School Committee for 15 years, and served as its chairman for several terms. He also helped organize and was the first president of the Adams Taxpayer's Association.

He was a communicant of the Parish of Notre Dame & St. Thomas Aquinas, Adams. He was a member of Adams Post 160 American Legion, and the Adams Lodge of Elks.

He was an avid reader and golfer, and played with the Northern Berkshire retired Men's League at the Stamford Valley Country Club. He had also coached the former St. Thomas Church League Basketball Team for several years.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, the former Margaret M. Conlon, whom he married on May 14, 1949;

1 Daughter, Karen Koehler and her husband James, of Adams;

1 Grandson, Michael Koehler, of Adams;

1 Sister, Marjorie Langnickel, of Adams, and several nieces & nephews.

The funeral will be held on Monday, October 13th, 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 Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams.

Burial will be private at a later date.

Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 5 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire through the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *This note is sent with great sympathy of your loss. On behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services and the entire Adams Veterans community please except our condolences to you and your family.*

"Only Two defining forces have ever offered to die for YOU, Jesus Christ and the American G.I. Jesus died for YOUR soul! The G.I for YOUR Freedom"

October 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Karen and Mrs Wing,
It's Saturday night and I just heard about Mr Wing's passing. Please accept our deepest of sympathies, for Joseph was such a great guy. I can still remember him "creating" work for me so he could help "support" my college expenses. I also remember the many times that Joseph and his family fed me Sunday Dinner. So with the fondest of memories, we have to let Joseph go to his heavenly home where he will be at eternal peace, (and patiently waiting for the rest of us to arrive).*

*Until then, our love and best,
Fran and Marie Cichy.*

October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear about Joe's passing -- I had the opportunity to work for him in 1968 and I am happy to say that I have told many that I have worked with since that time that Joe was one of the best managers I ever worked for. He was a kind and gentle man and had I not left the Berkshires I would have been proud to work for him for my entire career. He will be remembered in our prayers and I can assure you I will still let people know that Joe was a great manager.*

October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM