



Roscoe W. Conklin

September 4, 1918 - July 16, 2011

Roscoe Wells Conklin, 92, of Hancock, died Saturday, July 16, 2011, at Berkshire Medical Center after a short illness. A lifelong resident of Hancock, MA, he was born on the family farm in the Goodrich Hollow section of town to Charles Wells Conklin and Isabel B. (Hicks) Conklin on Sept. 4, 1918.

He graduated from New Lebanon (NY) High School in 1938.

He joined the Army in 1942 and became a decorated veteran of WWII. He saw heavy combat throughout 1944 in New Guinea and then landed with MacArthur's invasion force at Leyte Gulf in the Phillipines with the 149th Infantry Division in Jan 1945.

He was honorably discharged in Nov. 1945 and married Priscilla Stuart at The First Baptist Church, Pittsfield, Ma on Dec 1, 1945. He remained a member there for the rest of his life. Priscilla passed away in 2004 after 59 years of marriage.

He worked at Pittsfield GE, mostly in Power Transformer, retiring in 1982 with 44 years of service.

He joined the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department in the 1950's and was very active in building the fire station, maintaining the alarm system, and their annual ski sale. He served as President for many years. He regularly attended meetings and kept up with anything related to the department until his death.

During retirement he kept very active cutting firewood and maintaining the home he built in 1948 and the property he loved.

He leaves a son, Peter Conklin and his wife Susan of Williamstown, a

daughter, Bonnie Conklin of Salem, MA, a sister, Geraldine Jassak of McLean, PA, cousins, Anita Radke of Havertown, PA and Margaret Weckesser of Baltimore, Md. He also leaves an aunt, Peg Conklin of Russell, MA and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Kenneth in 1993.

He will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

Donations can be made to The Hancock Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 1149, Hancock, MA 01237, in Roscoe's memory.