



## Stanley A. Rusek

February 3, 1915 - June 24, 2011

Stanley A. Rusek, World War II Navy Veteran , of Williamstown Commons, formerly of 109 East Road, Adams, peacefully passed away on Friday, June 24, 2011 at the age of 96. He was born in Three Rivers, MA on February 3, 1915 and was the son of Albert and Julia (Zamora) Rusek.

He attended St. Peter and Paul parochial school in Three Rivers . As a Veteran of the United States Navy during World War II, Seaman First Class, he served on the SS William Carson, SS Whitehorse, SS Glorieta Liberty and the Van Dyke in the European, African and Middle Eastern Campaigns, and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations; receiving the World War II Victory Commendation. Ports served were Palermo, London, Aruba, Panama Canal, New Guinea Islands, Okinawa, Pearl Harbor, Sicily and Venezuela from October 1943 until November 1945.

He was employed at the former Berkshire Hathaway Mills, the Town of Adams Department of Public Works and for 35 years at General Electric Co., Pittsfield as a painter in the maintenance department, retiring in 1977.

He was a Communicant of the former St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and the Parish of Pope John Paul the Great, Adams. He was a life member of the Burnett-Bednarz Post 1995 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adams, the St. Stanislaus Kostka Society and the General Electric Quarter Century Club. His hobbies were gardening and mushrooming.

His wife of 62 years, the former Sophie Oparowski, whom he married on September 4, 1939, died on January 2, 2001.

He is survived by;

3 Daughters - Julie Tomasini and her husband James of Brewster, Sally Mercier and her husband Gordon of Adams, and Joan Cook of Adams;

4 Grandchildren - Aaron Mercier and his wife Renee of Kensington, NH, Michelle Mercier of Adams, Scott Tomasini and his wife Patricia of Land 'O Lakes, FL, and Eric Tomasini and his wife Paula of Melrose, MA;

His 2 great grandchildren, Sophie Grace and Jackson Mercier were the light of his life.

He was predeceased by his sister, Katherine Szurek.

The funeral will be on Wednesday, June 29, at 11:30AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:00NOON in the Parish Church of Pope John Paul the Great, McKinley Square, Adams.

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

Calling hours are Wednesday from 10:00AM until 11:30AM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adams Ambulance Service, Elder Services or the VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire through the funeral home.

The family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to the VNA, Elder Services, Home Health Care and the Williamstown Commons personnel who devoted so much time caring for Stanley.

To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to [www.apsfuneralhome.com](http://www.apsfuneralhome.com).