



## Walter R. Estes

August 8, 1929 - March 23, 2011

Mr. Walter Richard Estes, 81, of 194 Central St., Gardner, formerly of 43 Mohawk Forest, North Adams, died on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at Heywood Hospital, Gardner.

He was born in North Adams on August 8, 1929, son of the late Walter and Evalina (Lanoue) Estes. He attended schools in North Adams and graduated from Drury High School with the class of 1948. He then attended the former North Adams State College for 2 years.

Mr. Estes served with the Massachusetts National Guard from 1948 until 1958.

Mr. Estes worked as a Semi-Conductor Engineer for the former Sprague Electric Co., North Adams until retiring.

He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of North Adams. He enjoyed golf, hiking, camping and fishing.

His wife, the former Arlene Isabella Coody whom he married on May 31, 1952, died on July 24, 2010.

He is survived by;

2 Sons - Wayne Estes and his wife Karen of Baldwinville, MA and Richard Estes and his wife Janice of Newton, NH;

1 Daughter - Marlene Daly and her husband William of Duxbury, MA;

1 Sister - Lorraine Saunders of North Adams;

7 Grandchildren, 4 Great Grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Keith Estes who died on March 29, 1999, and

by 3 sisters, Rita Cirone, Frances Desautels and Patty Estes.

A graveside service and burial will be held in the summer at the convenience of the family.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Adams First Baptist Church through the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, MA 01220, which is in charge of arrangements.