



Wilbur C. Strickland

January 6, 1925 - October 26, 2010

Mr. Wilbur Carter Strickland, 85, of 17 Newark St. Adams, died Tuesday afternoon, October 26, 2010, at his home.

He was born in Pittsfield on January 6, 1925, son of the late Edwin and Bernice (Carter) Strickland. He grew up on his family's farm in Otis, which had been settled in 1793. He attended Otis schools, and graduated from Lee High School in 1943.

Mr. Strickland last worked as a driver for Devonshire Estates in Lenox. Earlier, he had worked as a trolley driver at Prime Outlets in Lee, was a driver for Pittsfield Sand & Gravel, and had worked at Pratt & Whitney Corp. in Connecticut and for the Otis Department of Public Works. He also owned and operated the former Independent Fuel Co. in Otis. He was also a licensed Real Estate salesperson.

Mr. Strickland was a member and Past Master of Otis Grange # 333. He was mechanically inclined, enjoyed working with antique engines, and had developed a log splitter capable of handling huge logs. He also enjoyed dancing and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, the former Claire A. Bassie, whom he married in December of 1987;

2 sons, Edwin W. Strickland II of New Britain, CT and Clifford Strickland and his wife, June, of Otis;

1 daughter, Chrystal O'Brien and her husband, Kenneth, of Sandisfield, MA;

2 granddaughters, Michelle Ransom and her husband, Charles, of East Hartland, CT and April DeHass and her husband, Theodore;

4 Great Grandchildren, Cassidy Strickland and Devon, Liam and Koen DeHass;

A granddaughter-in-law, Renee Strickland of Fayetteville, N.C., and several nieces and nephews, including Raymond Strickland of Otis.

He was predeceased by a grandson, David Strickland, and his brother, Louis Strickland.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, October 30th, at 11:00 AM in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams. Rev. Stephen Smith will officiate.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Friday from 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

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