

Absent Companions

Alexander T. "Al" Krawczyk - Member #1387

Alexander T. "Al" Krawczyk, age 95, longtime resident of West Newbury and eighth oldest resident of the town, passed in Hampstead, NH, early Thursday morning, July 23, 2020, at the home of his daughter Kim, and in the loving presence of his devoted family. He was the loving husband of 67 years of the late Jane E. (Flynn) Krawczyk, who passed on June 14, 2019.

Born in Peabody, November 10, 1924, he was one of four children of the late Thomas and Maryanne (Kosidlao) Krawczyk and was a graduate of Peabody High School, class of 1943.

No sooner did he graduate from high school, Al enlisted in the U.S. Army, proudly serving during World War II from June 28, 1943, until his honorable discharge on September 1, 1945, with the rank of Corporal, and had received a Bronze Star for his service. Al was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post in West Newbury.

After returning home from his military service, he went to work for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, retiring as Foreman of Highway Maintenance.

He was dedicated to his family and was a hard working man, both on the job and at home. Al was one who just loved to work, even after his retirement and well into his 90s. His last and favorite job was being the Crossing Guard for Page School in West Newbury for 15 years, he loved all those kids as much as his own.

He enjoyed being a member of the Country Pond Fish and Game Club in Newton, NH, as well as shooting black powder muskets in competition for many years.

Al's wonderful memories and great stories (what a storyteller he was!!!) will forever be remembered by his children, Susan Williams and husband James of Orange Lake, FL, David T. Krawczyk and wife Corinne of Oro Valley, AZ, Robin Langley and husband Russell of Jacksonville, FL, Cheryl Cravino and husband Richard of Pelham, NH, Kim Sharpe and husband Timothy of Hampstead, NH, and James Krawczyk and wife Stephanie of Jacksonville, FL; along with 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, several generations of nieces and nephews, extended family and many dear friends. The gift of



his life was special not just to his family, but to all who knew him.

Visiting hours will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2020, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Paul C. Rogers Family Funeral Home, 36 West Main Street, Merrimac, MA. A 10 a.m. graveside service will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at Bridge Street Cemetery, West Newbury, where he will be eternally reunited with his beloved wife Jane. In lieu of flowers, dad would like donations made in his name to his favorite charity, Merrimac Santa Committee, PO Box 131, Merrimac, MA 01860.

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