



## Earl B. Slate

April 24, 1932 - June 3, 2012

CHICOPEE-- Earl B. Slate, 80, passed away on Sunday, June 3, 2012, at his home. Born April 24, 1932, a son of the late Howard and Florence (Kusiak) Slate, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. A US Army veteran of the Korean War, he served with the 450th Ordnance Co. Earl worked for many years for the City of Chicopee Waste Water Dept. and later retired from the same department for the City of Northampton. He was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr and a member of the ELKS Lodge 1849. Earl was devoted to his family, and was overjoyed when each of his grandchildren were born. He enjoyed the times he spent playing games with them and telling them stories. Earl is survived by his beloved wife of forty-seven years, Elizabeth "Betty" A. (Brinkman) Slate; three loving children, Kevin Slate and his wife Patti, of Holyoke, Kathleen Cashin and her husband Charles, of Oakley, CA and Kristine Romaniw and her husband Peter, of Suffield, CT; five cherished grandchildren, Dalton, Makenna, Chelsea, Sophia and Ciara; his brother, Howard Slate of Ludlow and sister, Hazel Morelli of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Shirley Keller, Ruby Connors and Ruth Slate, and his brother, Robert Slate. Earl was a friend to all, and a wonderful man. Funeral services for Earl will be held Saturday at 9AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Chicopee. Calling hours are Friday from 4-7PM. Memorial

contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin St.,  
Springfield, MA 01107.