



Edward W. Midura

July 23, 1919 - May 9, 2012

CHICOPEE-- Edward W. Midura, 92, retired Captain for the Chicopee Fire Department, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at Elaine Care and Rehabilitation Center in Hadley, with his loving family by his side. Born in Belchertown on July 23, 1919, son of the late Louis and Aniela (Kusek) Midura, he lived in Chicopee for most of his life. A US Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he served as a pilot with the rank of Lieutenant with the 316th Troop Carrier Squadron in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of War. He fought in the battles of the Western Pacific, Ryukyus and Eastern Mandates and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with a Bronze Battle Star. Edward was appointed to the Chicopee Fire Department on September 27, 1948 and appointed Captain on June 3, 1965. He retired on September 1, 1979 after thirty-one years of service to his community. A communicant of the Basilica of Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, he was a finish carpenter and master woodworker, drawing up his own blueprints for houses and construction projects. He enjoyed golfing. Edward is survived by his beloved wife of thirty-one years, Dorothy R. (Nimchick) Midura; his loving children, Patricia Rockwal and her husband Peter, Paul Midura, and Pamela McGuinness and her husband Patrick and step-children, Debbie Dupuis and her husband Steven, and Cathy Jagodowski; cherished grandchildren, Jeffrey and Scott Rockwal and Eugene and Aniela McGuinness and step-grandchildren, Nicholas and Kate Dupuis; and his brother, Joseph Midura of Chicopee. He was predeceased by his brothers, Stanley and Alex Midura and sisters, Josephine

Quinn, Florence Jendrysik and Marion Petraitis. Funeral services will be held Monday at 9 AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday from 3-6 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army, 285 Liberty St., Springfield, MA 01104.