



Kenneth S. Palmer

December 30, 1927 - January 23, 2012

SPRINGFIELD-- Kenneth S. Palmer, 84, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 23, 2012 at Reeds Landing. Born in Pawlet, VT on December 30, 1927, he was the son of the late Fletcher and Christa (Lewis) Palmer, and has resided in Springfield for the past eight years. A US Navy veteran of World War II, he served as a Seaman First Class aboard the USS Little Rock. After four years of service in the Navy, Kenneth enlisted in the US Coast Guard where he served for twenty years, retiring as a Senior Chief Engineman. Upon completion of his military career Kenneth was a twenty year Park Ranger for the Vermont National Forest Department. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and while living in Vermont was active as a Boy Scout Leader. Kenneth was predeceased in 1986 by his beloved wife, Jane G. (Ridley) Palmer. Kenneth is survived by his loving son, Richard K. Palmer and his wife Karen, of Chicopee; two cherished granddaughters, Rebecca J. Palmer and Sarah E. Palmer, of Chicopee; a sister, Charlotte White, of Florida; and Charlotte's two daughters, Paula Grey, of Florida and Sherri Ann Hollner, of New York; his uncle and boyhood guardian, Floyd Eastman, of Dorset, VT; and Floyd's two nieces, Sandy Young, of Oregon and Sheila Stanton, of New York. Calling hours for Kenneth will be held Thursday from 4-7 PM at the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee followed by a service in the funeral home at 7 PM. . Burial with military honors will be in Mettowee Valley Cemetery, Pawlet, VT. Memorial contributions may be made to the Baystate Health Foundation for the Davis Family Heart and Vascular Center, 280

Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01199 or the ELMS College Office of Development, 291 Springfield St., Chicopee, MA 01013 or Reeds Landing Philanthropic Fund, 807 Wilbraham Rd., Springfield, MA 01109.