



Mieczluf S. Twardzik

May 2, 1922 - August 27, 2016

Mieczluf 'Mitzie' S. Twardzik, 94, a lifelong Chicopee resident, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at Mercy Medical Center, with his loving family at his side. Born on May 2, 1922, son of the late William Twardzik and Aniela (Topor) Twardzik Rubis, he was a graduate of Chicopee Vocational High School, Class of 1939 and a member of the 2101st Co. Civilian Conservation Corps of 1939. A US Navy veteran of World War II, Mitzie attained the rank of Petty Officer First Class and was part of the first wave of the Normandy Invasion. He was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal, European-African MidEast Medal with 2 stars, and Asiatic-Pacific Medal. While serving in Italy he met ten year old Sophia Loren and her family. Mitzie retired after many years as plant manager from the Toolkraft Corp., and previously had worked as assistant superintendent of manufacturing for thirty-five years at Van Norman Machine Co. He was an avid, accomplished golfer, achieving four holes-in-one. He was club champion at Springfield Memorial in 1954, at the Orchards in 1960, won a State Amateur Tournament in 1958, and held club memberships at the Orchards and Westover. A communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, Mitzie also was a Red Sox, Patriots and Bruins fan, and in his younger years played hockey for the Indian Orchard Orioles. Mitzie is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-nine years, Jane C. (Blad) Twardzik; his loving, devoted and caregiving daughter, Debra M. Twardzik; sisters, Adele Klinkowski and Irene Horak; many nieces and nephews; and his favorite feline, Sapphire. He

was predeceased by his brothers, Frank and Stanley Twardzik, and Joseph, Ed and Fred Rubis; and sisters, Mary and Stella Twardzik. His family wishes to thank the staff of Mercy Medical Center for their care and compassion during his stay with them. Family and friends are invited to a graveside service and burial with military honors on Wednesday, August 31 at 11AM in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, 800 Montgomery St., Chicopee. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions in Mitzie's name may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA