



## Murray M. Harris

November 7, 1917 - February 26, 2012

SPRINGFIELD-- Murray M. Harris, 94, passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012. Born in Springfield on November 7, 1917, he was a son of the late Charles and Dora (Snyder) Harris. After graduating from Classical High School he entered the military serving in the US Army as a medic and in the US Navy as a corpsman and then became a US Navy Pilot during World War II flying patrol bombers. At the end of World War II he became the head counselor of a boys camp in Lewiston, ME, an affiliate of the Burroughs Newsboys Foundation in Boston, MA. After the war he operated D&L Hardware, then was an independent insurance agent, and then became a bank manager for Multibank. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner and a twenty five year member of the Melha Temple Military Band. He was also a member of the Chicopee BPOE Elks Lodge 1849. He was one of the founders of the Western Mass Aviation Association. He was predeceased by his first wife, Geraldine (LaBounty) Harris, formerly of North Platt, NE, two sisters Mildred Cantor and Florence Harris, and a brother, former Assistant Hampden County District Attorney, Seymour Harris. Murray leaves his present wife, Lucille Lapierre Harris and her children, Louise Findlater, Michael LaPierre, Aline Bailleul and Nicole Tranghese, their spouses, six grandchildren and a great grandchild. He also leaves a sister, Esther Norkin Pahl, of North Miami Beach, FL, and a brother, Earl E. Harris, of Worcester, MA; four nephews. Barry Cantor, of Palm Bay, FL, Richard Harris, of Silver Springs, MD, Danny Norkin, of Wheaton, MD, and Eugene Cantor, of

Longmeadow, MA, and four nieces, Barbara Harris, of Providence, RI, Carol Kahn, of Newton, MA, Jamie Borns, of Pretoria, South Africa, and Debbie Kronzek, of Potomac, MD, and their spouses. A graveside service with military honors will be held Wednesday at 1 PM in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, 895 Parker St., Springfield, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or to a charity of your choice.