



Norman E Drapeau Sr.

January 3, 1932 - December 26, 2019

Norman E. Drapeau, Sr. passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 26, 2019 at Holyoke Soldiers Home, with his loving family at his side. Norman was born in Winthrop, Maine on January 3, 1932 to Albert and Eva (Boutin) Drapeau. His parents, his three brothers, Russell, Roland, and Raymond, and his former wife, Lucille LaBelle Drapeau, predeceased him. Norman is survived by five children, Theresa Mulieri of MD, Suzanne Drapeau (David Gewanter) of CT, Rosemarie LaBelle Pearce (Dave) of WA, Norman E. Jr. (Susan) of NJ, and Stephan (Kelly Alston) of OR; five grandchildren, Timothy, Jonathan, Benjamin, Danielle and Sarah; fifteen great grandchildren; his best friend and life partner, Eleanor Gay of Chicopee, and his feline companion Zack. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Norman moved to Springfield as a child, graduated Technical High in 1950 and enlisted in the Navy. He operated a barbershop and a beauty salon in Hampden and worked as a carpenter. After many years of self-employment, he earned a B.S. in Psychology from AIC and a M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from Westfield State. He spent several years in the counseling profession at the Kolburn School in New Marlborough, MA; a private school in Cleveland, OH; and the Monson Developmental Center. He also served as Director of Audio Visual Services at Bay Path University. Combining his degrees and carpentry skills, he taught vocational carpentry at Gateway Regional High and Chicopee Comprehensive High, retiring in 1994. At Comp, he revived an off-campus program, which included building an addition to the Chicopee Parks Dept.

office building on Front Street and the construction of a house on Nye Street. He was a well-known local professional musician for many years, an interest that developed during junior high when he played saxophone in the school band. He also led a men's choir in Hampden, which later evolved, into a community choir. Norman had many interests including photography, videography and computer technology. In later years, he developed an interest in cooking. Norman loved to tell jokes and had an extensive repertoire. He fine-tuned his delivery by observing professional comedians when he played in bands at local clubs. Family and friends are invited to calling hours for Norman on Saturday from 2-4:30PM in Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040 or Hospice of the Fisher Home, 1165 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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