

Claude G. Lavallee

Claude G. Lavallee 1923 - 2013 WARE - Claude G. Lavallee Jr., 89 of Ware, beloved husband of Helen (Goulet) Lavallee for 59 years passed away peacefully on Sunday Jan. 27, 2013 at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by family members. He was born in Ware in 1923 son of the late Claude and Vede (Letourneau) Lavallee. He was predeceased by his first wife Claire (Bourassa) Lavallee, his brother Edward and a great grandchild Alexander Ayers. Besides his wife Claude leaves a brother Francis Lavallee and his wife Dorothy of Ware, he also leaves seven children; George and his wife Jeanne of Ware, Louise Woodward and her husband Jim of Brookfield, Simone Piche of Ware, Robert and his wife Carol of Ware, Denise Blodgett and her husband Bill of Ware, Rachel Allard of Ware, and Maurice and his wife Geraldine of Tarriffville CT. Claude was very proud of his 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. His family was always his first priority. He was a World War II Veteran and served honorably in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946, assigned to the heavy cruiser USS Boston. After helping his father with the Letourneau/ Lavallee & Son Market in Ware, Claude worked at the Ware Knitters for almost 40 years and after retiring worked at the Big Y, drove the Senior Center elderly van, and served as a trustee at the Country Bank for Savings. He had a "servant heart" and was always willing to help. He would often help his elderly neighbors and volunteered for many local charities. He was one of the original founding members of Ware Little League Baseball and coached both Little League and Babe Ruth teams from 1957 to 1971. He was member of the Ware Volunteer Fire Dept. for 30+ years, where he reached the rank of Deputy Chief . He was an active member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and All Saints Churches, serving on multiple committees, helped with bingo, barbecues, was an usher, collector and Lay Eucharistic Minister. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday Feb. 2nd at 10 am in All Saints Church, 17 North St. in Ware, followed by burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made in Claude's memory to Ware Youth Baseball, PO Box 402, Ware Ma. 01082-0402. Charbonneau Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.