

VIERA, Bernard F.

Bernard F. Viera, 82, of Windsor Locks, beloved husband of 59 years of Winifred (Barba) Viera passed away peacefully with his family at his side Thursday, (May 24, 2007) at St. Francis Hospital after a short illness. Bernie was born in Provincetown, MA son of the late John and Catherine (DeRiggs)

Viera and served in the US Navy during World War II aboard the USS Boston where he received World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal with 9 stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 stars, the Am. Theatre Medal and the European-African Middle Eastern Theatre medal.

He was a Past Commander and Life Member of Gensi-Viola Post #36- American Legion; a member of Riverside Council #26-Knights of Columbus and Riverside Assembly 4th degree Knights of Columbus and treasurer of the Windsor Locks Veterans Memorial.

He had been employed at Crouse-Hinds in Windsor before his retirement.

Besides his wife, Winifred, he is survived by a son, John M. Viera and his wife, Cindy of Iowa; a daughter, Karen J. Viera of Manchester; three grandchildren Melanie Viera, Mason Viera and Marin Viera; two great grandchildren, Matthew Nicewicz and Zachary Nicewicz.

Relatives and friends will gather Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home 441 Spring St. Windsor Locks with a procession to St. Mary Church where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a m.

Burial with military honors will be in St. Mary Cemetery. His family will receive friends Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.