

**Richard F. Westerlind, Sr.**, 81, of Worcester, died peacefully, Saturday, September 30, 2006, at home, surrounded by his loving family. His wife, Cecile M. (Martin) Westerlind, died October 3, 1997.

Richard is survived by two sons, Richard F. Westerlind, Jr. and his wife Emmie of Oxford, Alec P. Westerlind and his wife Sylvia of Sutton; a daughter, Cindy Westerlind with whom he lived, and two brothers, **his twin, Robert "Bud" Westerlind** and his wife Geraldine, and Frank Westerlind, of Worcester; two sisters, Shirley Boomhower and Shirley Niemi, both of Florida; eight grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. A daughter, Debra Westerlind-Lopez, died in 1993. Richard was also predeceased by 2 brothers, Arthur and William, and a sister Mary. Richard was born in Worcester, son of Frank and Mary (Zalinski) Westerlind and lived here all his life. He was a graduate of Worcester Boys Trade School, and was a Navy veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific Theatre with his brother Robert aboard the USS Boston CA-69. Richard was a Truck Mechanic for International Harvester for 30 years before he retired. Richard was a life member of St Margaret Mary Church, where he attended mass daily, and was a member of the VFW Post #3657. Richard enjoyed gardening, and loved to work in his yard.

Richard's funeral will be held Wednesday from the MERCADANTE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 370 Plantation St., with a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30AM in St Margaret Mary Church, 75 Alvarado Ave. Calling hours in the funeral home are 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St Margaret Mary Church, 75 Alvarado Ave., Worcester, MA 01604.