

Mathew A. Geremia of Fitchburg;

Mathew A. Geremia, 85, formerly of Boutelle St., died Monday, March 30, 2009 with his family by his side after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

He was born December 30, 1923 in Fitchburg, the son of Albert and Celeste (Fava) Geremia. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served on the USS Boston. Mr. Geremia was employed as a custodian for the Fitchburg Public School for many years until retiring. Previously, he worked at the Dejon Paper Mill.

He was a member of St. Anthony di Padua Church.

His wife of 54 years, Rita (Zichelle) Geremia died in 2005.

He leaves three daughters, Janice Crowley, wife of the late Daniel Crowley, of Fitchburg, Gina Kelly and her husband, Brian, of Fitchburg and Gail Geremia of Fitchburg; two grandchildren, Christopher Kelly and Janessa Crowley; one brother, Andrew Cechin of Fitchburg; four sisters, Lucy King of Hingham, Gloria "Gerry" Palmer of Fitchburg, Sally Duval of Fitchburg and Nancy Tremblay of Lunenburg.

He was predeceased by a brother, John "Chick" Cechin and two sisters, Jay Angelini and Lil Stanton. GEREMIA