



Mr. Louis J. Paris Sr.

May 19, 1915 - August 18, 2012

Louis J. Paris Sr, age 97, of 140 Melbourne Road, formerly of 87 Highland Avenue, Pittsfield died August 18, 2012 at Mt. Greylock Extended Care Facility. He was born in Pittsfield, May 19, 1915, the son of the late Giovanni and Orsolena Rovetta Pavese both of Asti, Italy.

He was educated in the Pittsfield Schools and attended Pittsfield High School. A US Army Veteran of WWar II, he served from January 1941 to September 1945 with a rank of Staff Sargent. He was awarded 4 Bronze Stars for the Battle of Normandy, Battle of France, Battle of the Bulge, and the Battle through Central Germany ending at Linz Austria.

Following his discharge, he worked at the former Pocketbook Shop in Pittsfield and then at the former Railway Express Agency for four years. He later was employed at the General Electric Company as a winder in the Power Transformer Department for 35 years, retiring in 1977.

Mr. Paris was the former President of Pittsfield Seniors for four years, former President of the Lenox Seniors for two years, a director for the GE Pensioner and Quarter Century Club for ten years, a former member of the Council of Aging for four years, a former member of the Greylock Quality Time Club and as well as a member of their gardening team and a lifetime member of Pittsfield VFW.

He was an avid gardener throughout his life and was well known for his produce, especially his garlic. He was known as "The Garlic Man of Highland Ave."

Mr. Paris is survived by two sons, John L. Paris (Diane Nopper) and Louis Paris, Jr. (Carol) both of Hinsdale; a daughter , Thelma Bolognia (Daniel, Sr.) of Hinsdale, a step-daughter, Nancy Considine (Phil) of Lenox, a step-son, Msgr. Francis E. Walsh of Dublin, Ireland; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son Richard Paris in 1969 and by his first wife Blanche Benson Paris in 1958 and by his second wife Amelia Salvadore Walsh Paris in 2006.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Mr. Louis, J. Paris, Sr. died Saturday, August 18, 2012. Funeral services will be Friday, August 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the DWYER FUNERAL HOME with Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor of St. Charles Church, officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours will be at the funeral home on Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 4 to 7 p.m. The omission of flowers is requested. Donations in his memory may be made to the Jimmy Fund in care of the DWYER FUNERAL HOME, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.