



## Mr. Walter J. Gonia

May 24, 1925 - December 20, 2013

Mr. Walter J. Gonia, 88, of 320 Onota St., Pittsfield, passed away early Friday morning, December 20, 2013 at Mount Carmel Care Center in Lenox. Born in Malta, NY on May 24, 1925 the son of Bernard and Frieda Winkler Gonia, he was a 1943 graduate of Schenectady, NY High School.

Mr. Gonia worked for the Schenectady County Highway Department as a supervisor for 30 years, retiring in 1981. After his retirement he moved to New Lebanon, NY and later Pittsfield. He had also worked as a mechanic at the BRTA.

He was a communicant of St. Mark Church and a former communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Mary Jane Nesbit whom he married on June 22, 1973, And his beloved son Walter James Gonia Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanine Popalis and her husband James of East Chatham, NY and their children, Ryan and Kyle Popalis; six step- children, Jayne Bannish of Harpswell, ME; Marilyn Lemmerman of Media, PA; Joseph Stauch of West Lebanon, NY; Kathleen Millett of West Lebanon, NY; Carol Hudson of Freeport, ME; and James Stauch of Gansevoort, NY.

### Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Walter J. Gonia will be Friday, December 27, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home with the Rev. John Salatino, pastor of St.

Mark Church officiating. Burial will be in the spring in North Cemetery, Richmond, MA. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Thursday, December 26, 2013 from 3 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Special Operation Warrior Foundation, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201, in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.