



## Mr. William A. Lander

November 30, 1925 - October 30, 2016

Mr. William A. Lander, 90, of Highland Ave., passed away on Sunday evening, October 30,

2016 at Springside Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. Born in Pittsfield on November 30,

1925 the son of Arthur and Mary Heffron Lander, he was an honor graduate of Pittsfield High

School. He was a WWII veteran serving in the US Navy. He was a Machinist's Mate 1st class and served in the American, European, African and Middle Eastern Theatres. He was very proud of

his service and continued to wear his USS Scroggins DE-799 cap wherever he went.

Mr. Lander worked as a Toolmaker at General Electric in Pittsfield for 35 years. He retired in

1987. Bill also ran Highland Machine, a machine shop and small engine repair business out of

his home. He later formed Lander Inc. which is now operated by his grandson.

He is survived by his wife, the former Gilda Papa, whom he married on

November 24, 1946 in Gloversville, N.Y. Next month they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. He is also survived by his two

children, William Lander and his wife Linda and Anne Larrow and

her husband Paul; 4 grandchildren, Paul A. Larrow, Ashley Malumphy,

Jennifer Hopkins and

William J. Lander and 6 great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff at Springside for the kind and compassionate care they gave Bill during his stay. They also are extremely grateful for the loving care that he received from Hospice and Seniors Helping Seniors. Both agencies helped him to stay at home as long as possible.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services and burial with full military honors for William A. Lander will be private. If friends desire, donations may be made to The United States Navy Memorial Foundation, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in his memory.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gilda, so sorry to read about Bill. You were truly soul mates. I used to love running into the two of you at the Berkshire Mall as well as the Holyoke mall. Sending you my love and best wishes always.*

*Love,*

*Chris Barcus*

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**Chris Barcus** - November 02, 2016 at 02:50 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you on your loss.*

*Love, Marge & Jim Nixon*

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**MARGE & JIM NIXON** - November 02, 2016 at 09:33 AM