



Mr. William "Wiggy" Shantz Jr.

March 4, 1933 - August 25, 2014

PITTSFIELD- William (Wiggy) H. Shantz Jr., 81, of 66 Pomeroy Ave., died August 25, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family, and HospiceCare, as a result of a long battle with cancer.

Born in Franklin, NH, on March 4, 1933, the son of William and Anna (Przyierizika) Shantz. He was raised in Pittsfield and educated in Pittsfield Schools.

A Korean War Veteran, served in the US Army from 1951 to 1953, in the 8th Infantry Airborne Division, awarded the: Parachute Badge, Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal, after an honorable discharge, he was a barber at Dom's Wendell Barber Shop in Pittsfield for many years. He later moved to California, working as a general contractor, after retirement he moved back to Pittsfield. Wiggy was an avid sportsman, he enjoyed softball, bowling, golf was an excellent swimmer, he had a love of music and animals. He is survived by Sharon Shantz, two daughters Kristin Filkins and Concetta Gratton, five grandchildren Elizabeth and Jonathan Filkins, Kimberly Miller and Michael and Melissa Gratton and two great grandchildren, a brother Donald Shantz of Rapid City, SD and sister Elaine Oliver and her husband Jones of Amarillo, TX.

Wiggy was predeceased by his brothers Robert and Richard Shantz and sister Doris LaPray.

FUNERAL NOTICE- Per his request there will be no services. Following

cremation burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, Inc., 877 South St., Suite 1, Pittsfield, MA 01201. WELLINGTON FUNERAL HOME, 220 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.