



Richard L. Strassman

November 20, 2014

Strassman, Richard Leonard

Chili: Richard Leonard Strassman, 7/2/26-11/17/14) a lifelong Rochesterian, was a proud US Navy veteran who served on the USS Ranger Aircraft Carrier during WWII as a gunner's mate. After the war he attended and graduated from Paul Smith College on the G.I. Bill. A skilled carpenter, he married the love of his life, Elizabeth Reilly, in 1953, and together they built their lifelong home on Creekview Dr. in West Chili. He obtained long term employment as a carpenter at Eastman Kodak Co. until he retired. After retiring from Kodak, Dick stayed busy volunteering his time and talents as a carpenter to churches, schools, friends and neighbors with projects to be built. Always willing to lend a hand and quick with a laugh and a smile he was beloved by many. Dick lost his life in a tragic fire at the family home on Nov. 17, 2014. He lost his wife of 50 years, Elizabeth, in 2004 and is survived by his son, Richard D. Strassman, daughter, Ellen (Terry) McGhee; 4 grandchildren, Samantha, Cody, Lindsay (Brian) Kieffer and Aaron; 1 great-grandson, Seth. Dick touched a great many lives and will be deeply missed.

Friends may call at the Leo M. Bean & Sons Funeral Home, Sunday 1-4pm. Funeral Mass Monday 10am at St. Pius Tenth Church. Interment St. Pius Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Chili Fire Dept.