Gerard L. Deschenes 1936-2009 HOLYOKE - Gerard L. Deschenes,age 73, of Holyoke, was a man of very broad interests. Well read and accomplished in many disciplines. He was born in Chicopee, son of the late Leo H. and Bertha A. (Kirouac) Deschenes, and was schooled at Assump-tion Grade School and Chicopee Public Schools. He was a graduate of Adolph Leuzinger High School in Lawndale CA, with two years of Junior College at El Camino in Torrance CA. Happily wed to Mary (McCool) Deschenes for 37 years. He also leaves one son, Ronald J. Deschenes, married to Julianne (Pawlik) Deschenes. Jerry was predeceased by a sister Theresa, and brothers Andre and Arthur. His father remarried in 1945, and started a second family. His brother Arthur and Sister Jeanette live in Maryland. Life has been littered with many surprises. Jerry writes "I have few regrets and even less apology for anything I may have done. It's been a good life and a great marriage; Mary was the best of the best in my life. I would only ask my family and friends to make donations to the Shriners Hospital. They do wonderful work with children." Besides his wife and son, Jerry is survived by an aunt, Loretta Driscoll, many nieces, nephews and cousins. Jerry said "at the close of each day I echo my Mom who always said: Never say good-bye, say so long." The funeral will be held Monday morning at 9:30 from the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton Street, followed by a Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church at 10:00. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours will be held Monday morning from 8:00 a.m to 9:30 a.m. only. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield MA 01104.

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