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Richard J. Guilbert

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CHICOPEE - Richard J. Guilbert, 78, of Chicopee, died on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Soldier's Home in Holyoke. Born on Dec. 22, 1931, to the late Hormisdas & Cecile (Kirouac) Guilbert, Richard was the second of five siblings. On Aug. 4, 1950, at age 19, he began his career as an established tool & dye maker by trade for Eastern Etching Co. of Chicopee. Richard married Joan Marie (Hebert) Guilbert on Oct. 4, 1952 and soon after, he would enlist in the army and serve during the Korean Conflict achieving the rank of Sergeant. Richard was honorably discharged from active duty on Oct. 29, 1954 and resumed the life he had begun with his wife, and his career, working as a supervisor for the tool dept. until he retired at age 67 on Dec. 23, 1998. Richard was a devoted father to his six children and a loving husband to his wife, Joan. Together, they would celebrate 48 years of marriage before she passed away on Oct. 18, 2000. He was a life long resident of Chicopee and a parishioner of St. George Church. Richard is survived by five sons, Robert R. and his wife, Linda of Peoria, AZ, David R. and his wife, Teri of Franklin, TN, Donald G. and his wife, Neva Lloyd, of Somers, CT, Paul C. of Chicopee, MA and Raymond J. P. and his wife, Lorri of Chicopee, MA; a daughter, Pauline N. Foote and her fiancé, Thomas Hudon of Crown Point, NY; a brother, Ronald Guilbert of Springfield, MA;

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a sister, Jeannette Hackett, of Florence, SC and ten Grandchildren. Richard's funeral will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 from the Cierpial Memorial Funeral Home on 69 East St. in Chicopee Falls at 8 am, followed by a Libra Service in St. Rose de Lima Church at 9 am. His burial will follow at St. Rose de Lima Cemetery. Calling hours are on Friday from 7 to 9 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

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