

Russell G. Pelletier

Born in Amesbury, MA on Feb. 11, 1921
Called by God on Dec. 22, 2009 and resided in Gardner, MA.

Visitation: Monday, Dec. 28, 2009

Funeral Mass: Monday, Dec. 28, 2009

Cemetery: Private

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Russell G. Pelletier, 88, formerly of 10 Robillard St., Gardner, died Tuesday, December 22, 2009 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home in Gardner after a lengthy illness.

Russell was born in Amesbury, Massachusetts on February 11, 1921, son of the late Romeo and Helen H. (Gosselin) Peltier and lived in Gardner for most of his life. Following the death of his father, Helen married the late Edward Helie who raised Russell as his own and who was a strong, positive influence on his life. His beloved wife, Laurette B. (Kirouac) Pelletier, died in 1998.

Russel worked for the former Heywood Wakefield Company as a cabinet maker and foreman for 40 years, and prior to his retirement he worked for the former Nichols and Stone Company. Russell was a longtime communicant of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Gardner. A skilled painter, he was a longtime member of the Greater Gardner Artists Association. He was also active with the the South Gardner Historical Society, the Gardner Museum and the Montachusett Organ Society. He served as officer for the American Association of Retired Persons, the Gardner Golden Age Club, the Handicap Commission for the City of Gardner and as Chairman of the Council on Aging. He and his wife Laurette were quite active, running dance clubs at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. He took a Creative Writing courses at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner including a Generational Writing course, working with his great granddaughter Bridget Wood on a project called "Memories." "Memories" was published in The Gardner News. Russell also enjoyed singing and putting on the "Sweetheart Reviews" with his wife Laurette for AARP. Russell loved to play golf, having started as a caddie at age 12 at the former Toy Town Tavern in Winchendon.

Russ will be sadly missed by two sons; Russell E. Pelletier and his wife Joan of Falmouth and Kenneth E. Pelletier and his wife Denise of Gardner, two daughters; Barbara A. Bachand and her husband Richard of New Bedford and Nancy D. Pelletier of Mashpee, two sisters; Lorraine Tuttle and her husband Ken of Winchendon and Marie Quinlan and her husband Ron of Rindge, 9 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by two sisters; Laura Werner and Marguerite Baldinelli and one brother; Richard Helie.

Family and friends are planning to honor and celebrate Russell's life by gathering for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 166 Cross St., Gardner on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 11 AM. A calling hour at Lamoureux-Fletcher Community Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner will precede the Mass from 9am until 10am on Monday, December 28, 2009. Burial will follow in Notre Dame Cemetery, Gardner. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions in his memory be made to the Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 1 Autumn St., #731, Boston, MA 02215-5393 or the Levi Heywood Memorial Library, 55 West Lynde St., Gardner, MA 01440. For directions to the funeral home or to sign the online guest book for the Pelletier family, please visit us online at www.fletchercares.com. Lamoureux-Fletcher Community Funeral Home, Gardner is honored to assist the family with arrangements.

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