

## Obituary – Francis William Englehardt

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Our beloved father, Francis William Englehardt, 81, was called home to God on Thursday, March 29, 2012.



Born Nov. 9, 1930, he was a lifelong resident of West Hatfield. Active his entire life, he believed in his country, serving in the U.S. Navy and community, serving on the Hatfield Recreation Commission and St. Joseph Parish Council. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 344, VFW Post 754, Verizon Pioneers and Whately Snowmobile Club. His love of sports was seen in his years of playing softball on the mound in the Northampton Recreation League, excelling at bowling, and so happy his Cardinals won the World Series this year.

He worked for New England Telephone for 32 years, retiring in 1987. He couldn't completely retire and went to work doing landscaping for Yankee Candle and Michael Kittredge until this year. Another passion was the seasonal business, the Holly Shed, which he ran with the family.

He precedes his wife of 58 years, Mary (Corbett). He leaves behind a legacy in his children: Cynthia Rauch and Don Willard of Northampton; Laura and Kelly Ewen of Rocksprings, Texas; Robert and Sue Englehardt of Whately; Susan and John Schevikhoven of Amarillo, Texas; William and Cathy Englehardt of Hatfield; Patty and Gary Cronin of West Hatfield; Cathy and Steve Chmura of Hatfield; Anne and Bob Day of Northampton; Michael and Betsy Englehardt of West Hatfield; and Christine and Jim Dadmun of Northampton.

He leaves 15 grandchildren: Tim, Kris and Michele Schevikhoven; Billy, Danny and Joe Englehardt; Matthew and Nathan Chmura; Jared Englehardt; Jeffrey Kushka; Nicholas Day; Jenna and Tommy Dadmun; Camille Franklin and Robert Ewen; and one great-grandchild, Hayley.

Calling hours at Ahearn Funeral Home are Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, 11 School St., Hatfield. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in remembrance may be made to Our Lady of Grace, 11 School St., Hatfield, MA 01038, or to the American Cancer Society.