



Mr. Francis "Putt" Darey

August 24, 1924 - April 10, 2012

Francis C. "Putt" Darey, 87, of 109 Housatonic Street, formerly of Tyringham, died Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Born in Pittsfield on August 24, 1924, the son of Charles L. and Rose Bontel Darey, he was raised in Lenox Dale and attended school there and in Lenox. Mr. Darey was employed for most of his career as Superintendent of Grounds at the former Cranwell Preparatory School in Lenox, and later at Cranwell Resort. Following his retirement, he was caretaker of Belvoir Terrace for several years. As a young man he worked as a carpenter for the late Francis Dufresne of Lenox in his contracting business. He was a member for many years of the Tyringham Volunteer Fire Department and the land trust organization The Isaac Walton League. He enjoyed summer vacations to York Beach, ME with his family, antiquing, and attending auctions and flea markets. His wife, the former Ruth Hollister "Holly" DuVernois, whom he married in Tyringham on August 15, 1953, died in 2002. Mr. Darey is survived by his daughter, Jennifer S. Atwater, of Easthampton; and grandchildren, Hannah Miller, Katie Atwater, and Brian Atwater, all of Easthampton. FUNERAL NOTICE: A memorial service celebrating the life of Mr. Francis C. Darey of Lenox will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME in Lenox, conducted by Richard Hayes, Chaplain for Hospice Care in the Berkshires. Private burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery in Lee. Friends may call at the funeral home on the 28th from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to the Lenox Memorial High School Golf

Team or Easthampton Learning Foundation, both in care of the funeral home,
120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.