
Richard M. Harrison, 78, of Ayer



AYER: Richard M. Harrison, 78, of 80 Sandy Pond Rd, died Monday at his home following an illness.

Mr. Harrison was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, October 8, 1927 the son of the late Walter and Elizabeth (Callahan) Harrison and resided several years in Acton and North Andover before moving here in 1984.

He leaves his wife, Betty L. (Griman) Harrison; two sons; Richard M. Harrison, Jr. of West Hollywood, CA, Mark Harrison of Raymond, NH; five daughters; Diane Walsh of Manchester, NH, Linda King of Wheeling, WV, Patricia Harrison of Irvine, CA, Pauline Zink of Milton, NH and Mary Philippy of Goffstown, N.; a brother Walter Harrison, and sister Marion Harrison both of Springfield, MA. He also leaves eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

For 19 years Mr. Harrison worked as a technical writer for the Digital Equipment Corporation in Maynard, Littleton, Lawrence and Marlboro, retiring in 1992. Prior to that he had worked at the Sanders Associates in Nashua, NH.

He was a 1946 graduate of the Springfield (Mass) Technical High School. In 1952 he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lowell Technical School, now known as the University of Mass Lowell.

During the Korean Conflict, Mr. Harrison served his country for six years in the United States Army.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Ayer. He was also a member of the Digital Retirees Association and the Turkey Town Trotters.

A funeral mass will be celebrated 10 AM Friday at St. Mary's Church, 31 Shirley Street, Ayer. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Calling hours will be 4 -7 PM Thursday at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte 2A) Ayer. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information.
