



Donald J. Tillson

May 14, 1927 - February 16, 2012

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Donald J (Duck) Tillson passed away peacefully on February 16th 2012 at the Fireman's Home, where he had resided since November 2011. He was born on May 14th 1927 and was the son of the late John O and Cora Ham Tillson. He was raised on 8th St in Hudson and graduated from Hudson High school. He proudly served in the US Army during the Korean conflict from 1950 to 1952. On March 29th 1952 he married Elizabeth Rocker, who predeceased him on December 6th 2007. Together they made their home in Stottville, NY. He was a self employed auto mechanic working at the shop on Varrick St in Hudson. Surviving are his children, son Donald (Arlene) Jr. of Hudson and daughter Denise (Kim Douglas) of Claverack. He is also survived by three step children, John (Susan) McNamara of Virginia Beach, William (Betty Lou) McNamara of Stottville, and Bonnie Huber of West Ghent. In addition he is survived by grandchildren Todd Tillson, Ryan and Nathan Scalera, Kathleen Gorman, Kim Huber, Karen Gonzalez, Kendra Huber, James McNamara, Susan Leyes and Elizabeth McNamara. And several great-grandchildren. He is survived by his sister Shirley (Earl) Jackson of Massena, NY. He is also survived by his life long friend Frank (Anchor) Tomaso of Hudson. He was predeceased by brothers John and Gary Tillson and sister Gloria Pearsall. Duck was a life member of J W Edmonds hose fire company in Hudson, member of the Hudson Elks, American Legion, and Federation of Polish Sportsman. He was an avid NASCAR and stock car fan and at one time

worked the pit crew as a mechanic for local racer Doug Williams at Lebanon Valley Speedway. A memorial service will be held at the Fireman's Home, 125 Harry Howard Ave. Hudson, NY from 3 to 5 PM on Tuesday February 21st. Per his wishes he will be cremated and his remains will be interred in the Tillson family plot at Cedar Park Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Duck has joined Betty in the after life. And we know they are now planning the next annual clambake! In lieu of flowers please send a donation in Dad's name to the Fireman's home to support the wonderful work that they do there