



Kurt E. Gruber

November 5, 1930 - March 17, 2023

Kurt E. Gruber, 92, passed away March 16, 2023 at the Pine Haven Nursing Home in Philmont NY. Kurt was born in Stuttgart, Germany on November 5, 1930. He came to the United States as a young child, just before WW II and settled with his family in Bronx, NY. As a teenager, in NYC, he won a city-wide contest with his essay, "Why I'm proud to be an American" presented to him by Mayor LaGuardia. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Marines. Kurt was employed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp for over 20 years. Kurt then took over the family business as owner of the Oak Grove Chalet Restaurant, Bar and Motel in Saugerties, NY, until his retirement in 1985. He and his wife, Mary, moved to Florida where they lived for more than 30 years. Kurt enjoyed fishing, painting, boating, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. In 2015, Kurt and Mary moved to Hudson, NY to be closer to family. Kurt was predeceased by his parents, Julie Klinger Gruber and Ernest Gruber and a stepson, Michael Soule. He is survived by his wife, Mary Pendergast Gruber and a daughter, Lisa Gruber, of Nassau NY, a stepdaughter, Renee (James) Dinardi of Hudson, NY and a stepson, David (Sally) Soule of Longmont, CO, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Janice Pendergast of Hudson, NY. He is also survived by five grandchildren, seven greatgrandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.