



Richard W. Steerey

August 17, 1919 - December 29, 2011

Richard W. Steerey, 92, of Claverack, died Thursday, December 29, 2011 at Whittier Rehab & Skilled Nursing Center in Ghent.

Born August 17, 1919 in Littleton, New Hampshire, he was the son of the late William Brandt and Sadie (Lowell) Steerey.

He served as a sergeant in the US Army during WW II, earning the EAME Service Medal with Arrowhead, the Good Conduct Medal, the Croix de Guerre with bronze star, and the WW II Victory Medal.

Richard worked as a machine operator at Lorbrook before retiring. He was a life member of the Phoenix Hose Fire Company, where he was a past Captain and 2nd Lieutenant, a member of the Hudson American Legion, a member of H. W. Rogers Hose Fire Company, and a member of the Hudson VFW 1314.

Surviving are his devoted wife, Eleanor (Bunk) Steerey of Claverack, his son, William Steerey of Billings, MT, his brother, Francis Steerey of Albany, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Elaine Hapeman, two grandchildren, Ryan and David Hammond, three sisters, and three brothers.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 pm Thursday, January 26, 2012 at the Hudson American Legion on Fairview Avenue.

Arrangements are with the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KR

“ Dear Grandma Eleanor, I love and miss you so much. It has been a very long time since i've seen or spoke to you. I remember going over to your house when i was a little girl. You always had presents for me :) You and grandpa were the greatest and i have missed you guys very much over the years. I know you heard that dad finally got in touch with me a few years ago. I was so happy. I would love to get in contact with you and talk to you. love you and miss you

love always Kayla Hapeman Roundy

Kayla Hapeman Roundy - April 27, 2012 at 06:58 PM

RW

“ Dear Bill, It has been many years since last I saw you, most likely 45 years. You were a great friend throughout our school years. I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He was born the same year as my dad who was also a WWII vet. I know the sorrow of losing a parent. I wish you and your family well and pray for your hearts to be comforted.

My sympathy, Ron Webster (rgwmip@verizon.net)

Ronald Webster - January 25, 2012 at 06:15 PM

CK

“ Mrs. Steerey & Family...My sympathy and prayers are with you..I first met Mr.Steerey when I joined Phoenix Hose and he was an amazing man..Then I left Phoenix Hose and went to Rogers Hose and was so glad that he to came to Rogers Hose..I loved talking to him about the olden days in the Fire Dept. He was an honorable man and will be greatly missed..

Cynthia Kilmer

Cynthia Kilmer - January 25, 2012 at 03:55 AM

EF

“ Dear Bill and family, Please accept my condolences on the passing of your Dad.
Extend my sympathy to your Mother and family also. I pray you and yours are well.
Ellen (Pitcher) Feller
GCS Class of '66

Ellen Feller - January 24, 2012 at 04:04 PM

MO

“ Eleanor,
My prayers are with you and your family during your time of grief. Though I haven't seen you for awhile I remember what a terrific man he was. Stay strong and remember you are never alone, HE is always watching over us.
Much Love and prayers
Marsha Osuch

Marsha Osuch - January 24, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SJ

“ Bill, I was so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that you are in my prayers and hope you and your family are well. Your former classmate, Sharon Grener Johnson. GCS "66

Sharon Johnson - January 24, 2012 at 08:12 AM

PK

Mrs Steerey, Bill and family - my sincere sympathy and prayers are with you all. Your father and my mother-in-law were in the same wing at Whittier, so I saw him alot in the past few months. I even told him once that I was a classmate of yours. My mother-in-law called him the "Clapper" as he was always clapping his hands. So sorry about his passing. Bruce and Pam (Moore) Kline.

Pamela (Moore) Kline - January 24, 2012 at 02:29 PM

KP

“ *Kelly Pinho lit a candle in memory of Richard W. Steerey*



Kelly Pinho - January 01, 2012 at 07:16 PM

BD

“ *Betty & Walter Doty lit a candle in memory of Richard W. Steerey*



Betty & Walter Doty - January 01, 2012 at 01:53 PM