



Wilson "Harpie" G. Shea

April 2, 1919 - September 24, 2014

Wilson "Harpie" G. Shea, 95, of Hudson died Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at The Firemen's Home. Born April 2, 1919 in Hudson, NY., he is the son of the late James and Bertha (Baxter) Shea. Harpie married Mary Ann Fallarino in 1945, she predeceased him in 2000.

Harpie attended St. Mary's Catholic School for his entire education and graduated from there in 1937. After graduation he started his employment with V & O Press. Harpie left V&O press to serve in the US Navy, enlisting in 1942 and he was honorably discharged in 1945. Upon returning to Hudson, he went back to V&O working his way up to superintendent, and would go on to work there for 47 years. Harpie was involved in many local organizations and clubs. He was a 74 year member of J.W. Hoysradt Hose and Chemical Company #8 making him the oldest member of the Hudson Fire Department. He served as an usher for 60 plus years at St. Mary's Catholic Church., and he was a member of Hudson Elks Lodge 787 serving as past state vice president. He was a Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus, and he was a high school basketball referee for over 72 years. Other organizations where Harpie gave his time include, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Honored Vets Committee, Hudson Fish and Game Club, Polish Sportsman Club, and Federation of Columbia County Sportsman. He was awarded citizen of the year by the Albany Times Union Newspaper, and awarded the Hudson Rotary Club Citizen of the Year in 2008.

Survivors include his niece Mary Pitcher Shea, and his nephew Patrick Shea, both from PA., and his care givers Dan and Rose Shaughnasey, along with hundreds of friends. In addition to his parents, and his wife, he was also predeceased by his brother Patrick, and his companion Gloria Marchionne.

A visiting time will be held on Friday (Today) from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Firemen's Home, 125 Harry Howard Avenue. A Mass of Christian burial will be held 10:00 am on Saturday, September 27 at St. Mary's Church, 429 East Allen Street. Hudson. Burial will follow in Cedar Park Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Park

Hudson, NY

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Firemen's Home Chapel
125 Harry Howard Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534

Mass

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Rocha Teegarden sent a virtual gift in memory of Wilson "Harpie" G. Shea*



Deborah Rocha Teegarden - September 27, 2014 at 07:08 AM



“ *Deborah Rocha Teegarden lit a candle in memory of Wilson "Harpie" G. Shea*



Deborah Rocha Teegarden - September 27, 2014 at 07:07 AM



“ *I am going to miss Mr Shea he was a sweet and kind man with a big heart he loved his Gloria my dad and Gloria were in the hospital at the same time and all he kept saying is I loved her so much well Mr Shea nor you can be with her again her two daughters wiii be happy you two are together again my you Rest in Peace*

Deborah Rocha Teegarden - September 27, 2014 at 07:07 AM



“ *Loved talking to Mr Shea at Friday night at shuffle board. Mr Shea...RIP you will be missed!*

Shelly Catskill Fire - September 26, 2014 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Susan Goodsill lit a candle in memory of
Wilson "Harpie" G. Shea*



Susan Goodsill - September 26, 2014 at 09:31 AM

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Harpie, you have touched so many people in so many ways. You will be truly missed for a very long time. I am proud to have known you and called you my friend. Thank you. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Susan Goodsill - September 26, 2014 at 09:33 AM

Mary
Shea
Pitcher

“ Uncle Wilson,



The memories are many. Fishing & boating at Copake Lake & "The Ole Shea Shack". The trips to Underhill Pond ... my love for fishing carried on because I was always so jealous of the large bass you caught compared to my small sunfish. Aunt Mary Anne's lasagna filled us to the brim every single time. The tours of the Fire Houses you were so proud to be a part of all your life. The Elks bowling alley... :) The deer skin moccasins that were made. Your mouth watering roast beef! All the beagle puppies you saved! Trips to Saratoga watching the flats. Trips to Gens for hot dogs. The stories about the Navy. So, so much more.

Every summer when we visited Hudson...walking down the streets with you as a little girl I felt like I was with "the President of Hudson"! I know you traveled away from Hudson from Ireland to Pittsburgh but Hudson was a part of your heart and Hudson will be a part of mine too because of you!

The people of Hudson have lost a man that is one of a kind. It's going to be hard to replace someone who has spent so much energy and time helping and being involved in so much in one little town,,,,, a town that he cherished so dearly. He was a unique individual, filled with love and so much energy, it is hard to believe it's his time to rest now but you have taught me (and probably many more) that you should keep on going and giving of yourself as long as you can and you sure showed us all the key to humbly living a long & good life!

May you Rest in Peace with God, Dad, Mom, Vincent & Stephen and please look over us all from above.

*All my love to everyone who has been touched by him.
Mary Pat Shea Pitcher*

Mary Shea Pitcher - September 25, 2014 at 11:39 PM