



James Charles McNamara

December 27, 1924 - January 12, 2016

James McNamara of Fife Lake (formerly of West Bloomfield, Mi) died peacefully on Jan. 12 with his family at his bedside. Jim is survived by his wife of 69 years, Christine, and his children; Rick and (Betty) McNamara, Terri and (Robert) Haney, Dan and (Sue) McNamara and Jon and (Kathy) McNamara. Jim had 15 grandchildren; Shelley Earles (Shawn), Stacey Yankee (Steve) Zac Haney (Felecia), Dr. Matt Haney, Christin Haney, Jill Marchioni (Jason) & Ryan McNamara, Shannon Massa(Damian), Ashley McNamara, Melissa McNamara and 5 great grandchildren; Naasson Earles, Sydney & Ryley Yankee, Madison Haney and Rowan McNamara.

Jim was a World War II veteran serving in the Coast Guard aboard an LST in the Pacific Theater and survived the battles of Okinawa (where his ship was struck by a Japanese Kamikaze) and Iwo Jima. After his service to his country, Jim worked for Michigan Bell (now AT&T) from 1947 until 1984. In retirement, Jim and Chris built a home in Fife Lake where they resided until 2011 and then relocated to Lubbock, Texas with their grandson Matt, until his passing. Jim was gifted musically and his Irish tenor voice brought to life any song he sang. In his youth, he was part of an all male gospel quartet at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pontiac. He imparted his love of Christ to all his children and grandchildren to ensure that one day they could all share the same song together at the knee of Jesus Christ.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Disabled Veterans (www.dav.org) or Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).