

Obituary for Joseph Roland Bonin



Southbridge...Joseph Roland A. Bonin, 81, of Southbridge, died Saturday after an illness. His wife was the late Sylvia M. (LeClair) Bonin who died in Nov. 2000.

He leaves his 5 children David Bonin of Brookfield, Matthew Bonin of Woodstock, CT, Debbie and her husband Spiro Thomo of Southbridge, Christine and her husband Russell Laporte of Webster, Rebecca and her husband Michael Coty of Thompson, CT, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings Rita Beu, Ernest Bonin, and Ralph Bonin.

Roland was born in Southbridge, son of Oza and Rose Alma (Bourassa) Bonin, and lived here all his life. He was a member of Saint Mary's Church (Blessed John Paul II Parish), and retired in 1989 after working at Pratt & Whitney for 29yrs. He served his country as a veteran of the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict as an engine mechanic. Prior to enlistment, he worked at the American Optical Co. He enjoyed puzzles, reading, carpentry. He was also a volunteer driver for patients needing medical treatment, and volunteered for Tri-Valley Elder Services assisting families with money management. He also supported numerous charitable organizations, but most of all enjoyed spending time with his family.

The funeral will be Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, from Sansoucy Funeral Home 40 Marcy Street Southbridge with a Mass at 10AM at Saint Mary's Church (Blessed John Paul II Parish) 263 Hamilton St. Southbridge. Calling hours will be Tuesday, Aug. 2nd, from 5-7PM at the funeral home. Burial will be private. Flowers are acceptable, or donations may be made to Saint Mary's Church (Blessed John Paul II Parish) 263 Hamilton St. Southbridge, or to the American Cancer Society 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701