

BIOGRAPHY



Charlton: Ernest R. "Butch" Bonin, 69, of Hollywood Dr., passed away on Friday, Oct. 11th, in the St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, due to complications from pulmonary fibrosis. He leaves his wife of 15 years, Deborah J. (Hessell) Bonin; four stepchildren, Stephen L. Bond of Charlton, Alicia Lyman of Orlando, FL, Sgt. Keith Lyman of Fort Bragg, NC, and Trevor Lyman of Worcester; four sisters, Susan LaBarre and her husband Robert of Fiskdale, Judith Parks of Sturbridge, Kathleen Bonin of St. Petersburg, FL and JoAnne Arsenaault of Sturbridge; and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind close friends Marge and Ed Jalbert of Charlton and their family. His first wife, Barbara (Silvestri) Bonin, died on Oct. 11, 1995. He was born in Brockton the son of the late Ernest N. and Madelyn (Whidden) Bonin. He was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War era serving as an MP in Germany. Butch was a lead man for Amerbelle Textile in Rockville, CT for 30 years. He previously worked for the US Postal Service in Chicago and also worked in the construction industry in Florida. His faith in God was of great importance to him and he was an active member of the Elm St. Congregational Church in Southbridge, serving as Church Moderator and also served on several church committees. He always had a heart for the youth of the church. He loved fishing, especially deep sea fishing with his father. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and loved to cook. His recent passion was playing Xbox Live where he was able to speak with many friends from all over the world. Butch always enjoyed spreading happiness to others and would consistently ask people he would meet to give him a smile as he left. Calling hours for Butch will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. His memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 10:00am in the Elm St. Congregational Church, 61 Elm St., Southbridge. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Elm St. Congregational Church, PO Box 723, Southbridge, MA 01550.