

PAWTUCKET – George W. Bonin, Sr., of Main Street died Monday, March 17, 2008 in Rhode Island Hospital, Providence at the age of 92. He was the beloved husband of the late Rita (Lefebvre) Bonin who passed away in 2002 after 64 years of marriage.

Born January 3, 1916 in the Jamaica Plain section of Boston, he was a son of the late Oliva and Flora (Forcier) Bonin. Mr. Bonin grew up in Lincoln and was a graduate of Central Falls High School. He has been a resident of Pawtucket for over sixty years.

Mr. Bonin was employed as a wire strander at Collyer Wire Company for 35 years and in his retirement wrote for the Pawtucket Times newspaper for 25 years. He also wrote a column for The Free Press newspaper in North Attleboro for over 15 years. In his columns, he made sure to carefully research each subject before writing.

Mr. Bonin volunteered for the Pawtucket Boys Club for many years. He also loved to entertain people and make them laugh and always had time to listen to anyone who had a problem or just needed to talk to someone. He was a great conversationalist, able to talk about any subject.

He is survived by three sons, George, Jr. of Lincoln, Richard of Morrisville, NC and Paul of Hamden, CT; 8 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was brother of the late Raymond and his late sister, Doris.

A memorial Mass will be held in St. Jude's Church, Front Street, Lincoln on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 9 a.m. Burial to follow in Notre Dame Cemetery, Daggett Avenue, Pawtucket. Visiting hours are respectfully omitted.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Bonin's memory may be made to either the Summertime Fund or the Merry Christmas Fund, c/o The Times, 23 Exchange Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

Arrangements are provided by the SPERRY & McHOUL FUNERAL HOME, 15 Grove Street, North Attleboro.