



Ernest A. Blasetti

August 1, 1916 - March 21, 2019

SHIRLEY: Ernest A. Blasetti, 102, a lifelong resident of Ayer & Shirley died peacefully Thursday morning, March 21, 2019 at his home. He was recognized at the Eldest Citizen of the Community and was the current holder of the Town of Ayer's Boston Post Cane.

Mr. Blasetti was born in Ayer, August 7, 1916, a son of Enrico and Maria (Fracassi) Blasetti and was a 1934 graduate of Ayer High School.

Following his graduation from high school, Mr. Blasetti enlisted in and served as a Seabee in the United States Navy during WW II. He was a member of the Ayer American Legion Post and in February of this year was recognized for his military service at the Devens Memorial Museum where he was presented with The Quilt of Valor.

For over 30 years, Mr. Blasetti worked as a bus driver at the F&L Railway System in Fitchburg, retiring in 1981.

Mr. Blasetti leaves four daughters, Tam Blasetti of West Hartford, CT, Cala Claret of Winchendon, Tina Lawton of Saco, Maine, Joanna Bowolick of Shirley; his sister, Lina Guilfoil of Ayer; his longtime great friend and loving companion, Alice Langford of Shirley; eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late Robert Blasetti, Joseph Blasetti, Gerard "Aldo" Blasetti, Mary Rydowski and Ernestine Jones all of Ayer.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Ayer and was an avid Red Sox fan. He enjoyed working in his garden, riding his bike and fishing.

A funeral mass will be celebrated 10 Am Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at St. Mary's Church, 31 Shirley Street, Ayer. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Calling hours are 4-7 Monday March 25th at the Anderson funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information to leave an on line condolence.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

MAR 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's
31 Shirley St.
Ayer, MA 01432

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. As a past President of ATU local 690 I always looked forward to seeing him at our Christmas parties and knew that I could always count on his support in Union matters. RIP Ernie

Michael Prest - March 29, 2019 at 11:48 AM

RS

“ Nicole, so sorry for the loss of your grandfather. You definitely were blessed to have him in your life for so long! May you cherish your memories of him forever and ever. Peace and love, Roseann and Mike.

Roseann Sdoia - March 27, 2019 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ Dear Tina, Bob and Family,

I send my sincere condolences to you both, and your family for the loss of your Dad. He was a remarkable man and will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as the Community. May your memories be with you always and May he Rest in Peace. God Bless You All.

Janet Mita (Artist)

JANET E MITA - March 26, 2019 at 09:11 AM

RJ

“ Our fondest memories of Ernie include many years of spending time with him at the cottage at York Beach, ME over Labor Day weekends. Going fishing with Ernie along the rocky coast of York and Ogunquit ME was always an adventure! I remember watching with amazement (and nervousness) as Ernie would navigate along the rocks, find a good spot to cast, and remain sure footed, most of the time :), as the tide rolled in and waves surged above his knees (at times). I witnessed Ernie do this year after year as he aged well into his late 80's!! Truly amazing! I was very happy to be able to share these same experiences of Ernie with my own family (wife Roseli, son Randall 10 yrs. old, and daughter Rachel, 8 yrs. old). Randall and Rachel loved having Ernie over for the holidays, as he would cozy up with a blanket next to the wood burning stove. They were always excited to craft cards for Ernie at every occasion (birthdays, holidays). Ernie loved Roseli's home cooking, especially her rice, and Roseli loved cooking for him! I am proud to say that he was a father figure to me and a grandfather figure to Randall and Rachel. He will be dearly missed.

The Langfords: (Richard, Roseli, Randall, and Rachel).

Richard Langford Jr - March 25, 2019 at 03:07 PM

RJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richard Langford Jr - March 25, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ernest A. Blasetti.*



March 25, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Ernest A. Blasetti.*



March 24, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ *Carol and Joe Amenta purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Ernest A. Blasetti.*



Carol and Joe Amenta - March 23, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ *He was a true fixture for my hometown!! Joined us for lunch every day at the Ayer COA riding his bike to visit us every day up until three years ago!! What a story he could tell so full of history!! A very gentle, Loving man!! I will truly miss you Ernie!! Keep an eye on all of us OK!!*
XO Karin Swanfeldt

karin swanfeldt - March 23, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Ernest A. Blasetti.*



March 23, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ *Love, Jane, John, and John Patrick purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Ernest A. Blasetti.*



Love, Jane, John, and John Patrick - March 23, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *Goodbye dear friend, it was a pleasure to have known you. You always had a kind word to share.....I remember you telling me the Seabees motto....."can do ". Thanks for your service to your country that you loved.....Donnie and Phine Wallace*

Donnie Wallace - March 22, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mr. Blasetti's family. Mr. Blasetti was a true Icon for the Town of Ayer. Always smiling, and welcoming to all. I thank you for your service to our Country Sir! May you be at peace and Godspeed!*

Tobe Conway - March 22, 2019 at 05:02 PM

NZ

“ To Tina, Tam, Cala and Joanna and all their loved ones, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember eating dinner with Tina at her house with her mother and father and sisters when we were young. What a remarkable life your father had! May he rest in peace. Love, Nancy

Nancy Zellers - March 22, 2019 at 11:47 AM

DS

“ Joanna & all of the Blasetti family, My thoughts are with you all at this time of sadness. The memories & stories you all have will keep him in your lives forever.

Denise Stepleton - March 22, 2019 at 11:39 AM

WY

“ Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Blasetti Family. He enjoyed life, family, friends. He was a marvel, still, at 102 years of age. God Bless you, Ernie.
Henry & Barbara Wysk

Wysk - March 22, 2019 at 11:31 AM

FE

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. He was always a joy to talk to and always had a smile on his face and a hand ready for a wave. It won't be the same to pass through Ayer and not see him.

Frank and Jackie Esielionis - March 22, 2019 at 09:18 AM

BG

“ Ernie was truly a member of the “ Greatest Generation”, born to a large family, he worked his way through school so he could assist his folks financially. He answered the call go to War without any hesitation, served his country honorably, even surviving a torpedo attack where he had to abandon ship. Returned to civilian life, married, raised a wonderful family, and worked diligently to provide for that family. Ernie never was upset, never lost his temper, never had a harsh word for any one for any reason. He led an exemplary life for over a century in his modest fashion without any fanfare or self promotion. He truly was a National Treasure.
God bless you Ernie, you in your unassuming way have made the world a far better place.
I feel proud and privileged to have known you.

Bobby Gardner - March 21, 2019 at 05:46 PM