



## Kenneth J. Wiater

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He was born in Springfield, MA on February 3, 1937, a son of the late Joseph and Alphonsine (Niedbala) Wiater. Ken grew up in Chicopee Falls and graduated from Chicopee Falls High School in 1954.

Shortly after his graduation from High School he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served for 20 years retiring in 1974 having attained the rank of Staff Sargent.

After his retirement from the military, Ken went to work at Ft. Devens in the medical warehouse at the Cutler Hospital, where he worked until the base closed. He was very proud that his connection to the U.S. Army through active duty and civil service spanned over 50 years.

He has resided in Fitchburg for over 30 years and previously had lived on Whites Pond in Leominster. Ken was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member and Post Commander of the Westford V.F.W. post #6539 as well as the all-state commander from 1991-1992. He was also a member of the American Legion post #159 in Westford, Chicopee Falls Eagles Lodge #404 where he was a past president, Tiger Athletic Club in Chicopee Falls and was a life member of the Leominster D.A.V. Chapter 24.

He leaves a son, Stanley Wiater of Largo, FL; a step daughter, Janice Martin

of Ellsworth, ME and a step-son, Robert Barnsley of Milford, NH; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife he is predeceased by a son, Kenneth Wiater, Jr. and a brother Stanley Wiater.