



Lauri K. Rautio

May 12, 1925 - October 24, 2024

FITCHBURG: Lauri K. Rautio, 99, of Fitchburg, died Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Sterling Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Sterling.

Mr. Rautio was born in Fitchburg, May 12, 1925, a son of Nathanael and Amanda (Kaliokanges) Rautio and resided in Fitchburg for most of his life.

During WW II Mr. Rautio served his country in the United States Army – Air Corps where he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He continued to serve and additional eight years in the United States Air Force Reserves.

For over 40 years Mr. Rautio worked as a manufacturing engineer at Simonds Saw & Steel Company in Fitchburg before retiring in 1990. Previously, he had worked as a draftsman at Great American Plastics in Leominster.

Mr. Rautio was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Fitchburg. An accomplished pilot, Mr. Rautio built and flew three airplanes and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Always proud of his Finnish heritage, Mr. Rautio frequently travelled to his home country and was a member of several Finnish Dance Organizations.

He leaves four sons, Dana Rautio of Tennessee, Todd Rautio of Fitchburg, David Rautio of California, Kevin S. Rautio of Manchester by the Sea;

grandchildren, Marci Anne Rautio Turner, Scott D. Rautio, Nathaniel S. Rautio, Bradley Rautio, Nathaniel E. Rautio, and great grandchildren, Giada Rautio Laria and Colin E. Rautio Cherry.

He was predeceased by his son, Mark Rautio of Fitchburg who died in 2019; his daughter, Gayle M. Rautio of California; his brother, Unto Rautio of Fitchburg and his longtime companion, Ruth L. Salmi of Fitchburg in 2018. He was the husband of the late Helen (Tommila) Rautio and Palmira (Romano) Rautio.

Mr. Rautio's family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation period, 10 – 11 AM Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. www.andersonfuneral.com. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, October 29, 2024 in the funeral home. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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