



Ray A. Makela

November 1, 1932 - July 16, 2022

LYNDEBOROUGH, NH /GROTON/ PEPPERELL-Ray A. Makela, 89, of Lyndeborough, NH and formerly of Groton and Pepperell, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at the home of his daughter, Pamela Holt.

Ray was a long time employee of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) in Maynard. Born in Fitchburg, November 1, 1932, he grew up in Townsend where he graduated from Spaulding Memorial High School. He enlisted in the US Army where he was stationed in Germany during the Korean conflict.

Ray was the son of the late Reino and Vieno (Mattila) Makela. His son, Lee Andrew Makela preceded his death less than a year prior. He was also predeceased by his sister, Jean A. Makela and his brother, John A. Makela.

Ray is survived by his daughters, Pamela Holt of Lyndeborough, NH, and Michelle Smith and her husband Sean of Oxnard, CA; sons, Patrick R. Makela of Indianapolis, IN, and Michael J. Makela, and his wife Robin of Lyndeborough, NH; daughter-in-law, Rachael Makela, wife of the late Lee; his ten grandchildren, Cameron and Connor Holt, Ashley Makela, Amber (Makela) Heck, Lyndsey, Kimberly, Sarah and Jenna Makela, Jagger Smith and Andrew Finn Makela; his 5 great-grandchildren, Branden and Kera Makela, Luna Makela, Killian Bragg and Remy Maupin.

Ray loved hunting in Vermont at Colby's Camp and also enjoyed fishing. He was an avid pool and dart player at the Townsend VFW, the American Legion in Wilton and the Old Groton Lounge. In addition, he also loved to watch all of the car races and New England sports games. He also loved a good game of cribbage.

Visiting hours will be held at The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main St., Townsend on Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 4-7pm. Graveside services will be held on Friday, July 29 at 10:00am at Hillside Cemetery, Highland St., Townsend. For additional information or for online condolences, please visit www.andersonfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any Veterans organizations or a local VFW in his honor.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL **28.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Graveside Service

JUL **29.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Hillside Cemetery
Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Ray A. Makela.*



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“ *Ray, you were a good friend to the Colby Camp Family. Memories of July 4th in the pasture with your cannon going off at odd hours, until one year my sister Joan took your gun powder away! Stories of card playing and "hunting" over the years. Brett remembers the time you took him hunting in the pasture for pheasant, and he saw it before you did! You will be missed. Paula Colby Miller*

Paula Colby Miller - July 22, 2022 at 10:35 AM