



## Willard H. Estes Jr.

April 3, 1925 - November 17, 2023

SHIRLEY - Willard H. Estes, Jr., 98, of Shirley passed away on Friday morning, November 17, 2023 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Beverly, MA on April 3, 1925 a son of the late Willard H. and Marjorie A. (Hill) Estes.

Will was a World War II veteran, serving as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps in the Asiatic Pacific Theater.

Following his honorable discharge from the service Will returned home and begin a lifelong career in forestry. He worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for several years before going into private forestry.

Will played in the Old Timers Hockey League in Fitchburg for many years, hiked and backpacked, cross country skied, and canoed all over. He was a past member of the Pepperell Lions club, and a boy scout leader in Pepperell.

He leaves three daughters, Carolyn Borsini, Barbara Coldiron, and Janet Parker; two sons, Stephen Estes and Robert Estes; nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

He is predeceased by his three wives, Phyllis Webber, Jean Glass and Beth

Fitz and two brothers, Gordon Estes and Robert Estes.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Will Estes was such a wonderful man. I always loved hearing him tell stories, and there was no better place to go on a tree cutting adventure than Will’s back yard! He always saved a nice big Fraser fir tree for our front window with high ceilings. Will is going to be dearly missed by the Quinty family! Much love to his family. ❤️. Beth Quinty

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**Beth Quinty** - November 28, 2023 at 07:58 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Willard's family. Willard was only one of the two remaining WW11 veterans left in Shirley.

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**Mike Detillion VSO** - November 27, 2023 at 06:15 PM