



## Edwin R Springer

July 31, 1930 - July 4, 2015

Edwin Robert Springer, Sr., age 84, lifelong resident of Stamford, CT passed away peacefully on the morning of the 4th of July, 2015, at home, with his family by his side. He was born in Stamford, CT on July 31, 1930 and was one of ten children born to the late Robert and Mary Ann (Prizio) Springer.

Ed was born at #1 Main Street in Stamford and attended Stamford public schools. He was a formidable athlete in his youth. He excelled in football at Stamford High School, and other local football clubs on the east coast. He played football with the 43rd Infantry Division Army team while serving with the 192nd New England National Guard Division. Besides playing football with many of the best athletes in the Stamford area, Ed had a short lived career as a boxer and as a skater for the Philadelphia Panthers Professional Roller Derby Team. During his time working as a lifeguard on Stamford's beaches, he and his team were credited with many rescues.

Ed was a very proud and patriotic American. So much so that it was very appropriate that his personal "independence day" came on the Fourth of July. He honorably served in the U.S. Army Reserve / Connecticut National Guard 192nd Division from 1944 to 1955. His first enlistment into the service came at the age of 13 during WWII where he served in the South Pacific. In his time with the Army Reserve, Ed was called up to federal duty on at least two occasions during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Veterans of

Underage Military Service and served as Secretary for the 192nd F.A. BN Association. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Piedmont Italian/American Club and the Stamford Old Timers Association. Ed was a long time parishioner of St. Leo's Parish in Stamford and was dedicated to his faith and church. While raising his family in Stamford, Ed was actively involved in youth sports leagues, school organizations, and even backstage at his daughter's dance recitals. There was nothing Ed wouldn't do for his family. At the time of his passing Ed was retired from the IBT Teamsters Local 191 after a 44 year career as a professional truck driver.

Ed is survived by his beloved bride of 59 years; Josephine Ann (Kozlinski) Springer, his son; Edwin R. Springer, Jr., and wife Susan, his two daughters; Cynthia Casterella, and husband Barry, and Patricia Kallas, and husband Christopher, six grandchildren; Alaina, Lauren, Todd, Bailey, Rebecca and Stephen, and two precious great granddaughters; Adrianna and Layla. He is also survived by his sisters; Roberta Critzman and Marlene Springer, brothers; Gerald, Richard, Arthur (Timmy) and Ronald Springer, and many beloved godchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his brother; James (Skipper), and his sisters; Mary (Sissy) Borse and Edith Hefner. Ed touched many lives in his time on Earth, and will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Friends and relatives may offer their sympathy and condolences to Ed's family on Thursday, July 9, 2015 from 4 to 8 pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 10th at 10 am at St. Leo R.C. Church, 24 Roxbury Rd., Stamford, CT 06902. The committal service and interment will immediately follow mass at St. John Cemetery in Darien.

Memorial donations are encouraged and may be made to: The Connecticut

Hospice, Inc., 100 Double Beach Rd, Branford, CT 06405, or online at <http://hospice.com/donate/>.

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippin Avenue in Stamford. If you care to leave an online condolence message please visit the family guestbook on [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or obituary post on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Tribute Wall

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“ We just learned the news today (July 22) of the loss of Mr. Springer, a veteran of the 192nd Field Artillery Battalion, 43d Infantry Division. To his family and friends, please accept our deepest sympathies. We will post a message to our Facebook page (43d Infantry Division Veterans Assn).

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**DavidThiede** - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM