

Dominique "Mickey" GIRARD



GIRARD, Dominique "Mickey" Dominique "Mickey" Girard, 94, of Simsbury, passed away unexpectedly, yet peacefully, at home on Thursday (January 6, 2011). Born on August 30, 1916, the son of Damase and Emma Girard, Mickey was the last living of 16 children. He was the beloved husband to Bernadette (Ferland) Girard for 70 years. Mickey moved to Hartford in 1923. He worked driving a bus for the CT Company, delivered block ice for his brother's company, and was a tireman for the Western Tire Company. In 1943, he moved to Simsbury. Along with his brother, Lionel Girard, they started a large dairy farm, Simscroft Echo Farms. In 1963, a large fire destroyed the main barn, changing the focus of the business to construction. Mickey worked at Simscroft until he was 80. During his leisure time, Mickey enjoyed camping with his family and friends and was a former president of the Good Sam Nutmeggers camping group. He was a Simsbury Home Town Hero in 1988. He also enjoyed watching Nascar and riding his scooter. But what he enjoyed the most was his loving family. Besides his wife Bernadette, he leaves five children and their spouses: Lorette Archer of Simsbury, Daniel and Elaine Girard of West Granby, Susan Menard of Simsbury, Valerie and Kevin North of Simsbury and Donna and Randy Bemont of Huntersville, NC. 13 grandchildren: Denise, Lisa, Jeff and Glenn Archer, Paula, Steven and Karen Girard, Cindy and Jim Menard, Megan and Lindsay North and Tom and Jenna Bemont. 24 great grandchildren: Sydney, Sam, Nicole, Lauren, Lenny, Alby, Will, Elise, Emma, Sadie, Rachel, Nate, Heather, Kyle, Jacob, Abby, Bobby, Brittany, Tori, Gabriel, Lexi, Faith, Mykayla and Maya. He was welcomed into Heaven by his two sons-in-law, Roland Menard and Albert Archer, a grandson, Jeff Archer and two great granddaughters, Emma and Sadie Abrahamson. Mickey will be greatly missed by his family and his many loving nieces and nephews and friends. But we will remember him most for his jovial spirit, smile and gentle manner and his life mantra: "No Problem!" Family and friends are invited to call at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury on Tuesday (January 11th) from 4-7 p.m. Funeral will be Wednesday (January 12th) 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Simsbury. Burial will follow in Simsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 301, Simsbury, CT 06070 or to St. Mary's School, 946 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070. For online condolences, visit Mickey's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com.