



Jeremiah "Jerry" Pelkey

August 28, 1932 - March 31, 2024

Jeremiah "Jerry" Pelkey, 91, of Haydenville, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, March 31, 2024, at the Elaine Center of Hadley. He was born in Northampton on August 28, 1932, to the late Frederick and Addie Pelkey, he was the youngest of 15 children.

He grew up in Northampton and attended schools there. He married Roberta "Bobbie" (Jackson) in 1951 and they had five children. After moving to Haydenville, Jerry joined the Haydenville Fire Department in 1971. He served the town for 30 years as a proud volunteer firefighter, including 12 as a Deputy Chief. He was a Hampshire County Fire School instructor as well. As a longtime member of the Williamsburg Rod and Gun Club he enjoyed attending meetings and assisting with spaghetti dinners and of course, turkey shoots on Sundays. He was also a member of the Easthampton Rod and Gun Club with his nephew David.

Jerry is survived by his son Richard of Northampton, daughters, June Gaitenby and Rachel Pelkey both of Haydenville, granddaughter, Angela Gaitenby and her longtime partner Christopher Bazluke of Haydenville, grandson, Noah Pelkey of Chicopee, daughter-in-law, Tina Pelkey of Chicopee and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Roberta and sons, Ernest and Jerry.

Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's name to the Williamsburg Fire Department, PO Box 425, Williamsburg, MA

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