

Robert W. Barker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2010



Robert W. Barker, 88, of US Route 11, died early Tuesday morning at Samaritan Medical Center, Watertown, with his beloved wife and family by his side. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday at the Piddock Funeral Home, Adams, with Rev. Leon 'Toby' Schilling officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown. Calling hours are Thursday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Born February 24, 1922 in Watertown, son of William and Gertrude Holden Barker, he graduated from Adams Center High School in 1931. Following school he worked on the family farms and drove school bus for Adams Center Central School and later for South Jefferson Central School, retiring after over 40 years.

He married Eleanor Fortune on June 16, 1945 in the Adams Center Baptist Church. The couple lived on the family farm and owned and operated the Hillside Motel on Route 11, Watertown for over 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker enjoyed traveling and spent many winters in Bartow, FL.

Surviving besides his loving wife, is one son and daughter in law, Robert and Corinne 'Kinny' Barker, Central Square; two daughters, Tammy Barker, Watertown, Mary Ellen Heaphy, AZ; a daughter-in-law, Joann Barker, North Syracuse; 13 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, one niece, Patty Vicarella, FL and his loyal dog, Buddy.

He is predeceased by two sons, Terry Lynn, who died April 18, 1971 at the age of 13, Donald, who died September 27, 2010, one brother, Albert, and two grandsons, Robert Barker, Jr. and Dwayne Miner.

Mr. Barker was a charter member of the Town of Watertown Fire Department, Watertown Elks Lodge, Rodman Masonic Lodge 506, McDonald Hunting Club in Osceola, and the Adams Center Grange, where he remained active until shortly before his death.

He enjoyed snowmobiling, camping, hunting and fishing.

Donation in his memory may be made to the Adams Center Grange, c/o Geraldine Brass, 15920 County Route 68, Rodman, NY 13682 or the Town of Watertown Fire Department, c/o Charlie Dillon, Brookside Drive, Watertown, NY 13601.