



Francis Anthony "Tony" Caruso (1917 - 2013)

NEW LONDON - Francis Anthony Caruso, known to friends as Tony, passed away peacefully at the Clough Center in New London on Jan. 7, 2013. He was born April 7, 1917, in Newton, Mass., and was one of eight children of Rose and Domenic Caruso. He is survived by two sisters, Rose Labraico and Eleanor Gigliotti of Connecticut; his former wife, Velia James; his sons, John, Frank and Tom, all of Massachusetts and his daughter and namesake, Toni-Jean Phillips of Connecticut. He also had eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Tony grew up in Newton, Mass., received his BA and teaching credentials from Fitchburg State Teachers College and taught woodworking for 20 years at the Quincy Vocational High School in Quincy, Mass. He was a master carpenter and cabinetmaker. During World War II Tony served in the Navy on the landing ship tank LST 334 during the Guam and Okinawa campaigns. Tony loved New Hampshire, building his first home here in 1955, moving to Wilmot permanently in 1968. He was an outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing and splitting wood.

SERVICES: Tony will be buried at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen on Monday at 10:30 a.m. The family welcomes friends who wish to pay their respects. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Meals on Wheels, 38 Pleasant St., New London 03257.