



Neilan D. Cradit

July 31, 1922 - February 9, 2014

On Sunday, February 9, 2014, my Dad, Neilan D. Cradit, age 91, passed away after a brief battle with bladder cancer.

He was born on July 31, 1922 to the late Wade and Vera Cradit. His youth was spent in the Brown Corners area.

While working as a Bell Hop at the Doherty Hotel he met the love of his life, a waitress named Jean Groves. They were married on July 11, 1941, and had 69 years together before her passing in September 2010.

Dad was a proud, but quiet World War II Veteran. He served in the infantry in the European Theater and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He took several career paths in his lifetime. He had a bread route, ran a sporting goods store in Clare, and helped build the Whitehouse Restaurant. His later years were spent as co-owner of Loomis Machine Company and when that sold he went to work at McGuire Chevrolet.

Retiring in 1987, he and Mom continued their love of Golf, both active in local golf leagues. They spent many winters in Florida, again enjoying golf and spending time at the many beaches.

After Mom passed, Dad began attending the Senior Meals at the Clare Castle, making many new friends. We are asking that memorial donations be made to the Clare County Senior Services, Clare Meal Site, in his name.

My Dad will be deeply missed by me, his daughter, Sally Bonham and my husband Bob.

In keeping with Dad's wishes, cremation has taken place and no formal

services are planned. Arrangements were handled by Stephenson-Wyman
Funeral Home