

Donald W. Lachapelle, 77



**SOUTHBRIDGE/
WOODSTOCK,**
Conn. — Donald
W. Lachapelle, 77,
died Saturday, Dec.
26, 2015, in UMass
Memorial Medical
Center after being
stricken ill.

Donald leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Jeanne (Carpentier) Lachapelle; a son James Lachapelle of Woodstock; a daughter Lori Lachapelle and her companion Gary Dumas of Putnam; two grandchildren: Ashley Lachapelle-Messier and her husband Jeremie of Woodstock and Richard Roy and his companion Darcy Aguilar of Florida; and one brother Wilfred Lachapelle, Jr. of Sturbridge. Donald also leaves his furry friends, Peanut and Benjamin.

He was predeceased by one brother Nelson Lachapelle and one sister Edeye Nuyttens. He was also predeceased by his beloved Bassett Hound,

Donnie.

Donald was born on Nov. 1, 1938, in Southbridge, the son of Wilfred and Mary (Digregorio) Lachapelle and lived in the Southbridge/Woodstock areas for all his life.

Donald worked for American Optical in Southbridge for well over 20 years where he received several awards with recognition for innovations and inventions. In addition, he owned Schofield Avenue Package Store in Dudley, with his wife for 22 years. Donald was very involved with Pop Warner Football and coached Little League and Babe Ruth League. Donald loved to tell stories and was an especially wonderful "Santa Claus." He enjoyed raising tropical fish, he was an avid fisherman and enjoyed time outdoors. Donald especially loved time spent with family.

Services will be private.

A memorial guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com.