

## LOUIS J. "STRETCH" DECATALDI

April 4, 1921 - September 19, 2014



### FACTS

*Born:* April 4, 1921

*Death:* September 19, 2014

### SURVIVED BY

Virginia B. Decataldi, *Spouse*

Ann M. Decataldi, *Sister*

### PRECEDED IN DEATH BY

Gregory Decataldi, *Brother*

August Decataldi, *Father*

Linda Decataldi, *Mother*

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### BIOGRAPHY

Southbridge: Louis J. "Stretch" Decataldi, 93, of Marcy St., died on Friday, Sept. 19th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 63 years, Virginia B. (Brandt) Decataldi; his sister, Ann M. Decataldi of Southbridge; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Gregory Decataldi.

He was born in Southbridge the son of August and Linda (Tenderini) Decataldi. He was a US Navy Veteran of World War II. Stretch was a Human Resources Manager for the American Optical Co. in Southbridge retiring in 1986 after 46 years of dedicated service. He served on the Board of Directors of the Tri-Community YMCA and of the United Way of Southbridge.

During the early 1940's Stretch played semi-pro baseball for the perennially powerful Polish Tigers in Southbridge which captured the state championship. He also played semi-pro basketball for the Semi Circles and AGR in Worcester County. While serving in the Navy he captained the USS Pasadena basketball team. He became a registered approved official with the International Association of Basketball Officials in 1963. Stretch was inducted into the Mary E. Wells and Southbridge High Schools Hall of Fame for excellence in both baseball and basketball.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd., from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St, Southbridge. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, from 9:30 to 10:30am before the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

### MASS

Tuesday September 23, 2014, 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church

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## GUESTBOOK

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## CALLING HOURS

Tuesday September 23, 2014, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM at Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home

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## BURIAL

Tuesday September 23, 2014 at St. Mary's Cemetery

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