



Joseph Fanning

February 14, 1933 - May 18, 2012

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Joseph V. Fanning, 79, at 10am on Wednesday, May 23 at St. Rose Catholic Church with the Reverend Father Michael Carr officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. in the Mitchell City Cemetery in Mitchell with military honors. Joe died May 18, 2012 at the Torrington Community Hospital with his brother and sister-in-law by his side. A Rosary/Wake service will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Visitation will be Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to either the Veteran Volunteer Fire Department or St. Rose Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. Joe was born February 14, 1933 in Mitchell the son of Walter and Elizabeth (Harris) Fanning. He grew up and graduated Mitchell High School in 1952. He entered the U.S. Navy where he served for four years during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge he returned to Torrington where he farmed with his father until his father retired and he took over the family farm. Joe was a member of the St. Rose Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th degree, the American Legion Post #56 in Veteran, Wyoming, the VFW Post #2918 in Torrington, the Goshen County Veteran's Council, and was a Charter Member of the Veteran Fire Department. He touched many people with his volunteer service. Joe is survived by his brother W. James Fanning and his wife Boni of Windsor, Colorado; and three nieces; and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters Dorothy and

Margaret; one infant brother; one brother Tom and his wife Violet; and a sister-in-law Karen.

Tribute Wall

GN

“ It was very sad to hear of Joe passing away. I only knew Jim and I think I saw Boni one time when Jim and I both worked in Hastings, Nebraska. Our parents knew each other as usually happens in a rural community. We send our prayers and sympathy to all Joe's friends and family members.

Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Was very sorry to hear about Joe's passing. He was a good friend and will be missed. We graduated from HS together and went into the Navy together. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor and I was at Barber's Point in Hawaii. Jim, if you find a picture of Joe in camos in a LST and don't know what that was about. He was an extra for the movie "The Caine Mutiny". I found that picture in my stuff and gave it to Joe at one of our reunions.

He was always so happy and always had a smile which was infectious to all that was around him. We all will miss him at our reunion.

Hope all is well with you and your family

Rich Barker

Richard Barker - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I knew Joe from my childhood on. He and his brothers always attended church with me and my family. I have recently made contact with Jim after my return from Colorado and my prayers go out to him and his family.

Joe was a great guy and will be missed!

maxine steinbrecker - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Sorry for your lose. Myprayers are with you. Vaughn

Vaughn Reinhzrdt - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Really sorry to here of Joe's passing. Glad you were for him Jim. Joe & I had some really good times together. One of them was in Hawaii when he was stationed there. I was heading for Japan. He shall be greatly missed at our 60th reunion coming up.

Mert

Mert Helling - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM