

# Newspaper Clippings

## Léonidas M. Picard

1930 - 2008

SPRINGFIELD — Léonidas M. "Leo" Picard, 77, of the



North End of Springfield was Called Safely Home on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 surrounded by

the care and comfort of his loving family. He was born in Saint Raphael de Belchasse, Province of Quebec, Canada on September 25, 1930, a beloved son of the late Emile and Emilia (Lemelin) Picard. He was raised in Saint Raphael and during his younger years in Canada he worked as a logger in Abitibi, Quebec, Canada. He left Canada in 1955 and came to the United States settling in the North End of Springfield. Upon his arrival in Springfield, he went to work as a framer for the Vadnais KV Home Builders in Springfield until around 1960 when he started his own framing business under his name, Leo Picard Contractor. Leo enjoyed the outdoors and truly enjoyed trout and salmon fishing. He was an avid bowler and bowled for a local bowling league. He enjoyed playing cards and spent hours puttering around his home working on different projects. He also enjoyed going to flea markets with his fami-

ly and many friends. He was a communicant of the former Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Springfield and currently a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. He leaves his devoted wife, Léa B. (Breton) Picard. They were married in the Church of Saint Gervais in Canada on September 5, 1959 and were blessed with over 48 years of happiness together. He also leaves his loving children, Normand A. Picard and his wife, Cindy of Sidney, ME, Giles R. Picard and his wife, Lori of Westfield and Lieutenant Commander Marc A. Picard of the United States Navy in Honolulu, HI. His cherished grandchildren, Rebecca L. (Picard) Fritz and her husband, Walter of Worthington, MA and George Pelchat, III of Indian Orchard. His 13 dear brothers and sisters, Rénaud Picard and his wife, Marie-Laure, Thérèse Picard, Madeleine Dutil and her husband, Alphée, Jacques Picard and his wife, Monique, Robert Picard and his wife, Rolande, Florence Lemieux and her husband, Jean-Paul, Benoit Picard and his companion, Lina, Jean-Marie Picard and his companion, Elise, Armand Picard and his companion, Jacqueline and Beatrice Daviau and her husband, François, all of the Province of Quebec, Canada, Lionel Picard of Holyoke, Jeannine Daubney

and her husband, Henry of Springfield and Liliane Bernard of California and many dear nephews and nieces. His funeral will be held on Tuesday morning, August 26, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. from the St. Pierre - Phaneuf Springfield Chapels, 7 Chapin Terrace at the corner of Chestnut Street (near Baystate Medical Center) in Springfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street in Springfield. His burial will be held at the convenience of his family at Saint Rose Cemetery, 49 Olsen Street in Chicopee. His family will receive friends at the funeral home in the Chapin Chapel on Tuesday morning, August 26, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. before the Mass. His family has requested that memorial donations be made in his memory to the Arthritis Foundation, Chatham Center, Suite 450, 29 Crafts Street, Newton, MA 02458-1287.

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Funeral Chapels

**PICARD, Léonidas M.**  
Funeral Tues. 8:30 am St.  
Pierre-Phaneuf Spfld.  
Chapels. Mass 11 am Sa-  
cred Heart Church, Spfld.  
Visiting hours Tues. 8:30-  
10:30 am before Mass.  
Spfld. Chapels 737-1177.