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**DRESSER, FRANCIS S JR**

**HQ Co 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 381<sup>st</sup> Infantry**

GOSHEN - Francis S. Dresser, Jr., 89, of Goshen, passed peacefully away Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, at home.

He was born April 9, 1925, in Goshen, the son of Francis S. Dresser, Sr., and Harriet L. Hewes. He attended Goshen Elementary School, Williamsburg High School and Springfield Technical High School, graduating in June of 1943.

Francis served his country in the U.S. Army in the 96th Infantry Division during the campaigns for Leyte and Okinawa in the Pacific Theater of World War II, earning the Bronze Service Star for Meritorious service.

Francis served the Town of Goshen as its fire chief for 55 years, from 1951 to 2006, and as ambulance director for Goshen, Williamsburg and Chesterfield for a large part of those years. He also served on many boards and committees, for both town affairs and regional emergency medical services, most recently from 2003 until his passing on the board of directors of Highland Ambulance EMS.

He owned his own electronics sales and repair business in Goshen, Telectrad Service Center, from 1948 to the present, also taking over his father's gas station, in operation until 2013.

Francis is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Ruth (Mollison) Dresser, his son Kim Dresser and his wife Annmarie; his son Kip Dresser and his wife Susan; his daughter Kit (Dresser) Rock and her husband Michael; his grandsons Kristopher, Stone and Eli; and his granddaughters Ripley and Michaela. Francis also leaves a great many nieces and nephews.

Francis was predeceased by his sisters Alice Howes and Faith Schulze.

In his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family and relaxing in his wood shop making furniture and other items.

There will be a celebration of his life Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Goshen Town Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc., P.O. Box 842, Goshen, MA, to benefit the Francis and Ruth Dresser EMT Training Fund, or to Goshen Firefighters Association, Inc., P.O. Box 135, Goshen, MA.