

Dennis Dziadowicz went to heaven April 19, 2016, following a short illness. Dennis was born in New Britain, Conn., on Sept. 19, 1944. He attended St Joseph Parochial School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Central Connecticut State College, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he spent 21 years. He retired as a first class petty officer. Dennis spent the largest part of his naval career as a radar controller on the carriers USS Saratoga and USS Forrestal. After retiring from the Navy, Dennis then worked 21 years as a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office. Dennis was an amazing individual, who always put the needs of others before his own, particularly when it came to his service to the American Legion. He frequently traveled to veterans' hospitals helping disabled vets get the care and benefits they needed and he mentored youths on responsible citizenship as a faculty member of the Boys State Program every summer for many years. While serving the American Legion, Legion Post 26 in the last several years of his life, Dennis served two terms as the Connecticut Fourth District Commander and for many years served as Service Officer. Dennis also loved his duties in helping to run the Bingo every Friday night at the Legion.

Dennis is survived by his sister Patricia Cook of Plainville, Conn.; his brother Edward Dziadowicz of New Britain, Conn.; nephews Steven Cook of Watertown, Conn., Jon Cook of San Francisco, Calif., and Ronald Goodrich of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; his great-nieces Cara Cook of Milford, Conn., Zoey Goodrich of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Ciara Langley of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Delayna Goodrich of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Cylee Langley of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Willow Goodrich of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and great-nephews Blaze Cook of Milford, Conn., and Xander Goodrich of New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Dennis was also survived by his fiancée, Jean Bessette and family. There were also some special people in Dennis' life including Michael Jevitts, Jeff Adkison, Pat Carr, John Hurchala and many more. Dennis was predeceased by his parents Edward P Dziadowicz and Mary T Dziadowicz of New Britain, Conn. Everyone who knew Dennis loved him dearly.

A burial for Dennis will be held at the American Legion Memorial at American Legion Strazza Tonoli Post 26, 10 Monson Road, Stafford Springs, Conn., on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. with a military service at 12 p.m., followed by a luncheon to celebrate his life.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be sent Post 26 as listed above. Luddy Funeral Home and Crematory are handling the arrangements.