

## Walter S. Czop Memorial Scholarship



Walter was my brother and my best friend. He passed away in 2010 shortly before his 93rd birthday. Walter was a kind and friendly man who loved to talk. He was liked by everyone who knew him and he liked everyone in return.

Walter Czop was born and raised in Westfield, Massachusetts. He spent all of his life in this city with the exception of his years in the Navy. His Naval service included time on a submarine, and duty on the U.S. Mango. Walter received medals for his World War II service, but he never spoke about his experience during the war. Walter had one son who was killed at the age of 20, and his wife died in 1993. In spite of his losses, Walter always had a ready smile and a willing hand to help those in need.

He chose to enter a trade school after completing his elementary education in the Westfield Public School system. There he studied and mastered heating and plumbing skills which would provide him with a steady job his entire life. Walter believed that young people needed a good education, and I know he would be pleased to be a part of making that happen.

In his leisure time, Walter enjoyed bus trips to the casinos, playing cards, dancing, and especially deep sea fishing. The neighbors that lived around him would be the lucky recipients of his catches after a day on the ocean with his Cape Cod friends. I bought him a cap with a long front bill which he wore every day until he died. That cap is with him still.

I miss my brother everyday, and I hope that this scholarship will help his memory live on for many years.

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