



IRVING 'ICKEY' B. EMPLÉ

BANGOR - Irving "Ickey" Bernard Emple, 90, died from a brain tumor March 12, 2012, with his family by his side at a Bangor nursing facility. He was born Dec. 16, 1921, in Bangor, son of Abraham and Katie (Richardson) Emple.

Ickey graduated from Bangor High School in 1940. He entered the U.S. Army where he served in the 9th Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge. He was extremely proud of his service time and continued to march in the Veteran's Day Parade each year and also attended reunions of his division. He owned and operated A. Emple and Co. with his father and two brothers. In this job he traveled to Washington and Aroostook counties, distributing textile, retiring in 1986. Ickey was very involved in Beth Israel Synagogue where he served as Gabbai for many years. He attended services daily and was honored on many occasions for his dedicated service to Beth Israel Synagogue.

He is survived by his sister, Jeanette "Jean" Chamoff; sisters-in-law, Barbara Braverman and Ruth Emple; 20 nieces and nephews, many great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. He is also survived by his friends, Rose Bushey and family, and his oldest friend, Sydney Chason. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by brothers, Hyman, Maurice, Herbert and Lawrence; and sisters, Anne Levine and Dorothy Simonds.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Jewish Funeral Chapel, 118 Center St., Bangor, with Rabbi Justin Goldstein officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Beth Israel Cemetery, Bangor. After the burial, friends and family will gather at the home of Jean Chamoff, 88 Leighton St., Bangor. Shiva will be observed 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday and Monday; 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Sunday and Monday; and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at 88 Leighton St. Donations in Ickey's memory may be sent to Beth Israel Synagogue, care of Irving "Ickey" Emple Fund, 144 York St., Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at

www.BrookingsSmith.com.