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Dad is a very special man. I am proud to have had him as my father. I wish I had spent more time getting to know him closer. He had a hard life growing up during the Great Depression but he was a member of the “Greatest Generation” and a true survivor. He survived a World War and six children. We didn’t see much of him with his long and erratic work schedules at Bethlehem Steel in Vernon. He would come home exhausted and relax in “his” chair with a bottle of beer and watch television until he would fall asleep. This was his kingdom as difficult as it was this was his pleasure. He still made time for his family. God Bless you Dad.

