



Casimir "Casey" Pekala

February 7, 1923 - October 18, 2010

Casimir "Casey" Pekala age 87, of DeMotte, IN passed away on Monday October 18, 2010 at St. Anthony Hospice, Crown Point, IN. He was born on February 7, 1923 in Chicago, IL to Stanley and Victoria Pekala, both deceased. Casimir was a 1941 graduate to Morton High School and attended University of Southern IL. He was an electrician with Motorola for several years. He was a gunner on a B-24 Liberator in WWII with the Army-Air Corp earning 5 Bronze Stars. He was married to Maryann Pekala, who is deceased. On October 18, 1997 he married Patricia (Dooley) Kopanda, who survives. Casimir was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, American Legion, 98th Bomb Group, Pyrimiders and DeMotte Historical Society. He was the official photographer for the Fairchild House Preservation, INC and photographer for DeMotte Chamber of Commerce where he served as Grand Marshal in 2006. He was also an amateur radio operator. Casimir is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Kopanda of DeMotte, IN; 4 Step children, Joseph (Cookie) Kopanda, Robin (Doug) Demaree, Mary (Carl) Monk, and Tammy (Bob) Loew. 3 Nieces, Paulette Pekala, Darlene (Rick) Pekala-Crilly and Joyce Pekala. Great nephews, Justin & Matthew Crilly. Great niece, Katherine Crilly. 9 Grandchildren, Melissa (Heith) Hamstra, Joe Kopanda, Natalie (Rob) Thorgren, Katie (Justin) Bowlby, Lauren (fiancé Taylor Hammond) Loew, Lisa Loew, Jacob, Danny, Andrew (Jody) Monk. Great-grandchildren, Chloe & A.J. Hamstra; Bo & Sam Thorgren & Luke Bowlby. Preceded in death by his parents, first wife Maryann and brother Joe Pekala.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
334 15th St SW
DeMotte, IN 46310
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Tribute Wall



“ Pat, I am sorry for your loss. Casey was a great man. You and your family are in my prayers. Know that if you need anything I am here for you.##imported-begin##Heather Tokarz##imported-end##

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“ Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. If you need anything you know where to find me :)##imported-begin##Joan Featherston##imported-end##

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