



## Cletus M. Widmer

January 3, 1923 - March 28, 2012

Cletus M. "Buz" Widmer, age 89 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, January 03, 1923, in Highland, IL, the son of Maurice F. and Caroline M. (nee Speckart) Widmer.

On Friday, February 14, 1947, he married Jane L. Widmer (nee Ulmet) who passed away on November 5, 1999.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus Council #1580 - Highland, IL; Lee Iten Post 439-American Legion, Highland, IL; Highland Rotary Club - Highland, IL.

Cletus Widmer was born and reared in Highland, Illinois; attended St. Paul Grade School and graduated from St. Paul High School-Highland, IL. He worked for his father in the floral business, Widmer Floral Company-Highland, IL, founded in 1870, before serving with the U.S. Navy (U.S. Naval Aviation) with active duty during World War II (December 01, 1942-May 3, 1946). After his discharge he continued to work for his father. October of 1949 he and his brother purchased the floral company from their father. Cletus and his brother were co-owners, until December 31, 1986 when Joseph retired and Cletus purchased Joseph's half of the business. He enjoyed traveling and playing

bridge.

Survivors include:

Son - Rad M. Widmer, Saint Louis, MO

Daughter - Kim M. Widmer, Columbia, IL

Sister - Rose Arendt, Alexander, MN

Sister - Lillian (Clinton \"Pete\") Kerin, Highland, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Maurice F. Widmer

Mother - Caroline M. Widmer (nee Speckart)

Wife - Jane L. Widmer (nee Ulmet) (died 11/05/1999)

Son - Rex C. Widmer (died 01/14/1999)

Sister - Florence M. Ludlow (died 10/02/2007)

Brother - Joseph E. Widmer (died 12/30/1991)

Brother - Fred Widmer (died 05/10/1984)