



## Dale W. Rutz

April 22, 1923 - June 28, 2006

Dale Wilbert Rutz, age 83, of Highland, IL., died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born April 22, 1923, in Highland, IL., the son of Wilbert and Sylvia (Gathard) Rutz.

On September 20, 1948, he married Leona M. Rutz , who survives.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church; VFW Post 5694, Highland; & the Highland Country Club.

Mr. Rutz was born and raised in Highland. Veteran of the US Army during WWII with duty in the European Theater, Battle of the Bulge, received a Purple Heart, honorable discharge as a Staff Sgt.

Mr. Rutz retired at age 72 as Director of Purchasing from Basler Electric Company in Highland on 3/10/95; he started with the company on 11/02/52.

In his youth he was a good athlete, played football at Highland High School.

He enjoyed golf (played a lot), fishing and hunting. Every year for 15 years he and his wife wintered in Florida, starting in 1980.

Survivors include Wife-Leona M. Rutz of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Patricia A. (Gerald) Schnitzer of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Son-Dwight D. (Vicky) Rutz of

Highland, Ill., Daughter-Marietta L. (Gerald) Miller of Highland, Ill., Sister-Betty L. (Edmund \"Beall\") Kamm of Highland, Ill., Sister-Marilyn J. (James \"Bill\") Wright of Pana, Ill., Grandson-Nicholas D. Rutz of Denver, Colo., Grandson-Matt A. Rutz of San Diego, Calif., Granddaughter-Ariel C. Frey of Highland, Ill., Step Grandson-Jeremy T. Miller of Lincoln Park, Ill.

He was preceded in death by Father-Wilbert L. Rutz (DOD 06/04/1956), Mother-Sylvia E. Rutz, (DOD 12/14/1957), Brother-James L. Rutz (DOD 01/22/1967), Sister-Marjorie A. Wellington (DOD 12/30/2004)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois; or Saint Paul Catholic Church.