



## J. Francis Isert

August 29, 1916 - September 12, 2010

J. Francis Isert, age 94, Life Long Resident of Highland, Illinois, died Sunday, September 12, 2010, at Faith Care Center/Faith Countryside Homes in Highland, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, August 29, 1916, in Highland, IL, the son of F. Joseph and Mary (nee Weidner) Isert.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1948, at St. Rose Catholic Church, St. Rose, IL, he married Marie J. Isert (nee Schrage) who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church; "IBEW" (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers); Life Time Member VFW Post 5694; Catholic Holy Family Society; Society of the 3rd Infantry Division..

Mr. Isert was born and grew up on the family farm south of Highland on Arkansas Road. He graduated from St. Paul High School in 1934. Following graduation he worked at Highland's Moulton-Bartley Shoe Factory until June 1941. He was drafted during WWII, June 1941 to Sept 1945; Staff Sergeant with the 3rd Infantry, 41st Field Artillery with the US Army. Three years overseas duty and received the Purple Heart. He returned to the farm and later began working for Basler Electric, 1954 to 1987, retiring after 33 years of service. He enjoyed volunteering at bingo, playing bingo and gardening.

Survivors include: Wife - Marie J. Isert nee Schrage, Highland, IL; Four Daughters - Carolyn (Robert) Firestone, Vernon Hills, IL; Theresa M. \"Terri\" (Brian) Wright, Kenosha, WI; Maxine R. (Karl) Murphy, Troy, IL and Vivian J. (Daniel) Helm, Brentwood, MO; Brother - Richard (Flo) Isert, Highland, IL; Sister - Bernadine (Andrew) Markus, Aviston, IL; Brother - Thomas Isert, Reading, PA

Sister In-law - Dorothy Isert, Albers, IL; Grandchild - Catherine (Jared) Silver, Arlington Heights, IL; Grandchild - Sara Firestone, Murrieta, CA; Grandchild - Carl Firestone, Vernon Hills, IL; Grandchild - Michelle Wright, Kenosha, WI; Grandchild - Heather Wright, Kenosha, WI; Grandchild - Rachel Murphy, Troy, IL; Grandchild - Kyle Helm, Brentwood, MO; Grandchild - Randy Helm, Brentwood, MO; Grandchild - Kristina Helm, Brentwood, MO; Great Grandchild - Joshua Silver, Arlington Heights, IL; Sister In-law - Bertha Kampwerth, St. Rose, IL; Brother In-law - Andrew (\"Flo\") Schrage, Highland, IL; Sister In-law - Dolores Graning, Humboldt, TN; Sister In-law - Rita Schrage, St. Rose, IL; Sister In-law - Ruth (Clarence) Korte, Highland, IL; Sister In-law - Joanne Rehkemper, St. Rose, IL; Sister In-law - Cecelia Schrage, Chatham, IL; Sister In-law - Florence (David) Luechtefeld, Okawville, IL; Sister In-law - Peggy Schrage, Creve Coeur, MO.

He was preceded in death by: Father - F. Joseph Isert; Mother - Mary M. (nee Weidner) Isert; Sister - Marie Thompson; Brother In-law - Richard Thompson; Brother - Vincent Isert; Sister In-law - Helen Isert; Brother In-law - Vincent Schrage; Brother In-law - Maurice Kampwerth; Brother In-law - Edmund Schrage

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