



Paul B. Wilken

September 19, 1920 - November 30, 2005

Paul Bernard Wilken, age 85, of Highland, IL., died Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born September 19, 1920, in Bartelso, IL., the son of Wessel and Wilhelmina (nee Beckman) Wilken.

In March of 1943, he married Mildred M. (nee Lodes) Wilken, who passed away May 2, 1984.

Mr. Wilken served with the U.S. Navy during WWII aboard the U.S.S. Gansevoort (Destroyer) in the Pacific Theater and received a Purple Heart. In 1949, he moved to Pierron, Illinois, and worked at the Roesch Enamel Foundry in Belleville, Ill. For over 46 years, he worked for Wicks Organ Company and retired in 1995. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, Cardinal Baseball, Football, and reading the newspaper.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pierron, IL. and also the Timmermann American Legion Post #252 in Breese, IL.

Survivors include Son-Paul W. (Sherry) Wilken of Highland, Ill., Son-Ronald (Kathy) Wilken of Carlyle, Ill., Daughter-Mary Ellen (Leonard) Ratermann of Pierron, Ill., Grandchild-Carla S. (Jeff) Dubach of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Dr.

Brad P. (Donna) Wilken of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Brian E. (Emily) Wilken of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Chris M. (Ron) Kuper of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Shelly L. (Dennis) Knebel of Pocahontas, Ill., Grandchild-Michael P. Ratermann of Pierron, Ill., Grandchild-Tom Wilken of Germantown, Ill., Grandchild-Sam Wilken of Germantown, Ill., Grandchild-Stormie (Scott) Fleming of Carlyle, Ill., Grandchild-Jenny (Tom) Clanin of Carlyle, Ill., 14 Great-Grandchildren, and Brother-George (Magdalene) Wilken of New Baden, Ill.

He was also preceeded in death by his parents, Brothers-Alphonse Wilken, Brother-Vincent Wilken, Brother-Henry Wilken, Sister-Frances Wellinghoff, Sister-Rose Winkeler, and Sister-Laura Boatwright.