



John Kopil

August 6, 1931 - August 6, 2006

JOHN JAMES KOPIL age 75 of Knox & Eddyville KY formerly of Gary passed away Sunday August 06 2006. Survived by wife Mary Ann (Steffus) of 14 years godson Michael Kopil of Merrillville his uncle Joseph (late Elizabeth) Zemelko of Knox and many cousins. Preceded in death by parents Mike & Anna Kopil. John was born June 21st 1931 the first day of summer & the longest day of the year in Gary where he was also raised. He graduated from Holy Trinity Grade School in 1945 and then from Bishop Noll High School in 1949. John then attended Butler University & Indiana University for 1 year each. He enlisted with the U.S.A.F. from 1952-1956 and served one year in Korea. He retired in 1985 with 35 years of service to U.S. Steel while working in the steel production maintenance department spares control. Mr. Kopil belonged to St. Paul Catholic Church in Princeton KY and to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Knox IN. John was a member of the Board of Directors for the Gary Works Good Fellow Club for 26 years. He was a life member of the following clubs: Slovak American Legion Post #367 V.F.W. Post #1563 National Rifle Club The Slovak Club and the Glen Park Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. He also belonged to The Military Order of the Cootie of the U.S.A. Pup Tent #3. Friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service 6360 Broadway Merrillville on Tuesday from 4-8 P.M. with a rosary service at 5:00 P.M. and on Wednesday from 2-8 P.M. Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m. and a combined American Legion and VFW Service at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday August 10 2006 at 11:30 A.M.

DIRECTLY from St. Thomas Aquinas Church (406 E. Washington St. KnoxIN) with Rev. Joseph Kelchak & Rev. John Zemelko officiating. Mr. Kopil will lie in state from 10:30-11:30 A.M. AT CHURCH before the service. At rest Calumet Park Cemetery Merrillville. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred for masses or to St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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“ WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY & LOVED ONES IN THE LOSS OF JOHN - YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. JOHN & DAD (ART GIESE) WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS THROUGH THE YEARS - UNFORTUNATELY WE LOST DAD LAST YEAR AS WELL HOWEVER I REMEMBER DAD ALWAYS THINKING THE WORLD OF JOHN - GOD BLESS LOVE THE GIESE FAMILY

IRENE GIESE & FAMILY - August 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mary Anne Sorry for your loss John is a dear friend and the greatest of men always displaying the utmost in friendliness and respect to others. If you need anything let us know. Chuck & Jan

Chuck & Janice Estok - August 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM