



## Joseph Sanok

July 19, 1924 - July 19, 2009

JOSEPH T. JOESANOK JR. age 85 of Merrillville passed away Sunday July 19 2009. Survived by his wife of 58 years Helen (nee Kowalczyk) three sons: Joseph T. (Lonnie) Sanok III of CA Jeffrey D. (Dawn) Sanok of Washington D.C. David M. (Amie) Sanok of Washington D.C. seven grandchildren: Nisha Brittany Kyle Tyler Alina Joseph Sanok IV and Nathan Sanok sister Gladys (late Calvin) Smith of WI three sisters-in-law: Anne (late John) Potter of DE Roseann (late Joe) Chaney of Crown Point Marie (late John) Kowalczyk of Hebron. Preceded in death by infant son Patrick John parents Joseph Sr. and Stefania Sanok brother Adam Sanok three sisters: Sr. Mary Eymard F.S.C. Marie Muraida and Genevieve Biedulewicz. Joe was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. He served his country honorably as a World War II Army sergeant with the Red Arrow 32nd Division having campaigned and battled in the southern Philippines Luzon and New Guinea. Joe was awarded five Bronze Stars for his meritorious service and was decorated by General MacArthur for heroic achievement against the enemy. Active in the community Joe was a member of American Legion Post #207 a member and six-term past President of the Silver Bell Club PNA Lodge 2365 and a past Commissioner for PNA District #15. He was a charter member and president of the CYO Shield Club. For the past 30 years Joe served as a publically elected Director of the Board of the Merrillville Conservancy District. Joe retired as a Prototype machinist after 38 years of service with the American Bridge Division of U.S. Steel. Joe spent five more years as a Tool & Die Maker

with Ogden Engineering. Joe never met an obstacle he did not challenge and never saw a need he did not try to fill. For those who knew him the depth of our loss is apparent. His constant smile has faded from our view but will remain forever in our hearts. We will dearly miss you. Friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service 6360 Broadway Merrillville Wednesday July 22 2009 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Silver Bell service at 3:30 and American Legion service at 4:00 p.m. Funeral service will be Thursday July 23 2009 at 9:30 a.m. from Pruzin Brothers Chapel and 10:00 a.m. from SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church 5885 Harrison St. Merrillville with Rev. Roy Beeching officiating. At rest Calumet Park Cemetery Merrillville. Please click the following link to view Joes Tribute video. <http://videos.lifetributes.com/79915>>h  
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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ My dad Marv Downey sent me an email this week telling me of Joes passing. I immediately felt heaviness in my heart but it was soon replaced with a big smile on my face remembering Joe and the days as our neighbor in Merrillville. Now Joe wasnt the typical neighbor who would come knocking on the door. Hed always whistle out front for my dad ready to work on some project or another. So although I know you all feel deep sadness know that he brought smiles to many...including me the little girl who lived next door. Love to Jeff Joe David and especially Helen (who Id probably still call Mrs. Sanok) :)

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**Denise Downey** - July 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Mythoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**John Douglas** - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Janice and I were extremely lucky to have such wonderful neighbors as the Sanoks. Joe made it possible through the Silver Bell Club for me to meet my all time hero Stan Musial. I am forever grateful for that opportunity! Also Joe was very good at fixing things and I was very good at breaking things. Joe was always there to help.

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**Don Toma** - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Im so sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Sanok. I have heard so many wonderful stories of him and your entire family all these years. Im very glad that I had the opportunity to meet him in England at the marriage of Dave and Amie. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time and prayers of thanks to God that his suffering is finally at an end. May you find peace with that thought.

Jennifer Hoff - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Jon and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts.

Kelly Peacock - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Helen and Family I was so sorry to see that Joe is no longer with us and I want you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers. Even though it has been 35 years since I was your next door neighbor I have often thought of the Sanoks and how they were doing. Joe was an outstanding neighbor and friend and I will never forget how he met the true test of a Friend when I was in Illinois with my family at 2:00 in the morning and the engine on my Volkswagon blew. At 2:00 AM I felt comfortable calling Joe and he immediately came and got us and drove us home. Now that is a true friend and a wonderful person. He will be missed. Marv

Marv Downey - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Allison Jennings - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM