



Charles "Russ" Testa

June 5, 1920 - January 14, 2012

Age 91, of Mesa, AZ, formerly of South Wilmington, IL passed away Saturday, January 14, 2012 in Banner Gardens Hospice Home in Mesa. Born June 5, 1920 in Joliet, IL to the late Charles and Kathryn (nee Bottino) Testa. Graduated class of 1939 from Gardner-South Wilmington High School. Veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II. Russ was employed for several years as a supervisor for the Joliet Arsenal. Member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington and the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mesa. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Braidwood Council, South Wilmington VFW Post # 1740, Disabled American Veterans in Dwight, IL, and Crescent Run Veteran's Group. Russ was former mayor of South Wilmington and original board member and former manager of South Wilmington Fireman's Beach and Park Club. Russ was an avid card player and since moving to Mesa he loved to be in the pool. Surviving were one daughter, Donna (Bill) Shockey of Carmel, IN; one son, Jim (Raelene) Testa of Mesa; four grandchildren, Taryn (Tim) Wilson of Denver, CO, Kristin (Dan) Cook of Bloomington, IN, Jared Testa of Prescott, AZ, and Adam Testa of Carbondale, IL; and three great-grandchildren, Trevor and Teagan Wilson, and Liam Cook; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his wife, Adrienne (nee Ellena) Testa, whom he married August 2, 1947 in Joliet; two brothers, Joseph "J.D." and Carl Testa; nephew, Jay Testa; and numerous sister and brother-in-laws. Funeral services were from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., South Wilmington Chapel

Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington for Mass Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Rev. John Homicak officiated. Judy McElroy was the organist. Interment with military honors in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Braidwood, IL. Visitation Friday, January 20 from 4-8 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery-Braidwood

Cemetery Road
Braidwood, IL 60408

Tribute Wall



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