



John Joseph Kalec

June 25, 1923 - July 17, 2013

John J. Kalec, 90, of Braidwood, IL passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. He was born June 25, 1923 in Braidwood to the late Mathew and Caroline (nee Laski) Kalec.

John graduated from the Reed-Custer High School Class of 1942. He retired from Caterpillar in 1982 following thirty years of employment. John was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood and the Braidwood Recreation Club. He helped organize the Neighborhood Watch Program and was known for creating the Comet logo for the Reed-Custer School District. He enjoyed his thirty years of retirement by taking great pride in his home and gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn (nee Ryszewski) Kalec of Braidwood. John and Evelyn were married August 16, 1947 at the Immaculate Conception Church. Also surviving are his children and their spouses, John and Karen Kalec of Knoxville, TN and Roxann and Chuck Kuchar of Custer Park, IL; six grandchildren, John, Jr., Daniel, David, and Katherine Kalec, Richard (Katie) Kuchar, and Phillip (Erin) Kuchar; six great-grandchildren, Channing Kalec, Ryan, Michael, Jayne, Henry, and Rydia Kuchar; brother-in-law, Richard Ryszewski of Braidwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Preceding him in death were his six siblings, Sally Muzik, William Kalec, Sophie Kopera, Jean Freckelton, Victoria Wills, and Mary McHugh.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements have been entrusted to the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel. Interment will follow in Bohemian National Cemetery in Braidwood. The pallbearers will be his six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to a charity or fund of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Bohemian National Cemetery

Located directly across from: 34665 Essex
Rd
Wilmington, IL 60481

Previous Events

Service

JUL 19 (CT)

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Visitation

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with you now and the days ahead. May the memories you have; along with the love of family and friends help you through this difficult time.
Ernie and Barbara (Weidner) Viano

Barbara (Weidner) Viano - July 19, 2013 at 11:13 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of John Joseph Kalec.*



July 18, 2013 at 02:32 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Joseph Kalec.*



July 18, 2013 at 02:08 PM

MI

“ Oh Evelyn~My heart is breaking this morning as I read of John's passing. He was one of the most caring, compassionate gentlemen I've ever met. I enjoyed seeing the two of you at your grandkids' ball games during the summers (and at church over the years). You were both so proud of every one of them. Both of you always had smiles on your faces, songs in your hearts and only kind words for everyone you encountered. After losing my own dad when I was only ten, I was truly honored to have John escort me down the aisle on my wedding day. I was somewhat nervous, and I remember that John had to tug on my arm a bit to get me to start my entrance. ;-)
May God bless you as you mourn his loss. Please know that countless others mourn with you and love you. All our love and blessings~Michelle, Tom & Matt Musser <3

Michelle - July 18, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DW

“ I remember delivering papers to the Kalec's, McHugh's, and Freckelton's. Went to school with his son John and daughter Roxanne. He was a kind, good man and will be missed!

Daniel L. Wilson - July 18, 2013 at 07:15 AM