



Richard M. Papai

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812-482-4141 Dateline Celestine, Indiana Richard M. Papai age 76 of Celestine, Indiana died at 2:15 p.m. Monday (July 21, 2003) in the Scenic Hills Care Center at Ferdinand, Indiana. WWII Army Veteran.

By trade he was a watch maker - He managed a fine Jewelry department at Montgomery Wards and he retired from the Peter Eckrich Company.

Memberships; St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church - V.F.W. Post # 673 in Jasper and the St. Anthony American Legion Post # 493 - Jasper Moose Club and the AARP of Dubois County where he served as a past president.

Born on October 6, 1926 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Parents; Louis and Anna (Vargo) Papai. Married to Corinne M. Hilgeman on November 5, 1948 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana by Bishop Pursley of the Fort Wayne Diocese - she preceded him in death on January 4, 1997.

Surviving are 1 daughter;

Mrs. Stephen "Darlene" Merkley, St. Anthony, IN

1 son; Thomas Papai, Houston, TX

4 grandchildren and 1 great grand daughter.

1 brother; Louis Papai, Fort Wayne, IN

2 sisters;

Ann Nahrwold, Austin, TX

Mrs. Margaret Coe, Huntertown, IN

He was preceded in death by 1 son David Martin Papai who died in infancy.

Funeral services for Richrd M. Papai will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday (July 26, 2003) in St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church with burial to follow in St. Peter Celestine Cemetery. St. Anthony American Legion Post # 493 will conduct Military Grave Side Rites.

Friends may call from 2- 8 p.m. Friday at the Becher - Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper.

Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. Friday by members of St. Peter Celestine Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard M. Papai*

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