



Joseph Sokal



RANTOUL – Joseph Sokal, 89, of Rantoul died peacefully at home on Monday (Nov. 28, 2011).

He was born March 12, 1922, in Osceola Mills, Pa., the fourth of eight children of Joseph and Victoria (Skinsky) Sokol.

He served in the CCC for three years. During World War II, he served with the 37th Infantry Division, U.S. Army in New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago and the Philippines. In 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He married Mary Clare Glancy, also of Osceola Mills on Feb. 2, 1951.

In 1967, he retired from the USAF at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, where he worked in the civil service until 1984. Joe was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Loyal Order of the Moose and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Mary Clare; six children, Joseph (Ellen Roney) of Madison, Wis., Daniel (Cassie Burns) of Fruita, Colo., Catherine of Murrells Inlet, S.C., Mary Ann (David) Senyk of Grand Ledge, Mich., Patricia (Richard) Billings of Virginia Beach, Va., and James (Carla Atteberry) of Normal; grandchildren, Maggie, Amy, Kimberly, Evan, Danya, Michelle, Catherine, Nora, Abigail and Benjamin; and sister, Margaret Yastro of Osceola Mills, Pa.

Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at St. Malachy Catholic Church, Rantoul, with burial following at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Lux Memorial Chapel, 1551 East Grove Ave., Rantoul, preceded by rosary at 4:45 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St Malachy Catholic Church, Henry J. Smith Fund or Carle Hospice.

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