



Joseph P. "Hank" Podlasek

January 5, 1915 - March 28, 2013

Joseph P. "Hank" Podlasek, 98, of Willow Springs, Illinois, peacefully passed away after a life filled with energy and optimism at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th, 2013 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. Joe was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 5, 1915. He was an active member of both St. Barbara's Church in Chicago (Bridgeport) and St. James at Sag Bridge Church near Lemont, Illinois. He lived in the Bridgeport area of Chicago for over 35 years, Willow Springs for 55 years, and the last two years in Springfield, Illinois. He was known for his positive outlook on life, an enormous work ethic, and always seeing the bright side of life. He worked for 28 years for General Motors, Electromotive Division near La Grange, Illinois and was a UAW retiree for 40 years. In retirement, he had a passion for traveling, gardening, cars, and hiking in the woods near his home in Willow Springs. He was preceded in death by his Loving Wife of 63 years, Sophie Podlasek (nee Rutkowski); his parents (John and Victoria), brother (Stanley), and sister (Josephine). He is survived by his two sons, Bob (Peggy) Podlasek of Springfield, Illinois and Carl (Sandi) Podlasek of Sanibel Island, Florida; six grandchildren, Stacy Podlasek (Chuck Heilman) of Riverhead, New York, Amy Podlasek of Urbana, Illinois, Eric Podlasek (Karen Tarzon) of Oak Park, Illinois, Julie Podlasek (Brad Downen) of Springfield, Illinois, and John (Karen) Podlasek of Crystal Lake, Illinois, Brian (Elke) Podlasek of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida; eight great- grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation Friday, April 5, 2013 from 9 am until 11 am at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 West Archer Avenue, Summit, Illinois. Mass of Resurrection at 12 noon at St. James at Sag Bridge Church, 10600 South Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois. Rev. Edward Gleason officiating. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery, 7201 South Archer Road, Justice, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the charity of your choice in the name of Joseph P. Podlasek.

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“ Carl, Sorry to hear about your father. he was a nice guy.

Joseph P. "Hank" - September 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM