



Alexander Stolarz

October 15, 1923 - April 14, 2010

Visitation for Alexander Stolarz, 86, of Manteno, formerly of Harvey, will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Father Al Heidecke will officiate. Graveside services will follow at 11:45 a.m. in Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association. He died Wednesday (April 14, 2010) at Riverside Medical Center. Mr. Stolarz was a retired plasterer and cabinet maker. He was born Oct. 15, 1923, in Posen, the son of Walter J. and Josephine Kolodzej Stolarz. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Surviving are his wife, the former Eileen Daley, whom he married Jan. 9, 1945, in Riverside, Calif.; one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Trish Stolarz of Frankfort; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Jerry Cage of Granger, Ind., Gloria and Jim Gager of Fort Wayne, Ind.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Adeline Jacobson of Sequim, Wash., Joanne and Don Bergl of Antioch, Marion and Bob Wainwright of Clifton; and one brother and sister-in-law, John and Veronica Stolarz of Vicksburg, Mich. His parents; two sisters, Sophie Whitney and Helen Lievers; and one brother, Joseph Stolarz, are deceased.

Tribute Wall



“ To Uncle Al's Family & Friends,

 May God bless Uncle Al and everyone his life touched. He had a particularly special place in my heart as my Godfather.

 His passion was unforgettable. Whether it was telling a story or sharing a joke, Uncle Al brought his unique style of delivery and finished it off with his jovial laugh. My father would particularly enjoy engaging him in recanting the old days reminiscing about the various plastering jobs and catching up on family and friends they worked with. One story lead to another and they both would be roaring with laughter in the end.

 A time most recently appreciated was last year at Steve & Lisa's wedding when Uncle Al was telling about how his mother, Grandma Stolarz, was upset with Grandpa Stolarz so she hung him on a hook in the backyard.

 Or the one when his finger was nearly chopped off when it was slammed in a door and his mother with her old world practical values wanted to cut it off the rest of the way with a butcher knife. Quick thinking and convincing negotiation talked Grandma into letting him go down the alley to the neighborhood doctor to save the finger.

 As an artisan he was well accomplished. His marvelous cabinetry showcased his keen eye for quality & master craftman hands.

 I am a better person for his gentle ways and the model life style examples he left with me. He lived a full life and will be missed.

 John

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