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George M. Vukovich, Sr. 85, of Manteno, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Riverside Hospital in Kankakee, Illinois after an extended illness.

Born on July 5, 1936 in New Castle, Pa he was a life-long resident of West Pittsburg and New Castle areas until relocating to Manteno during 2021. George married the "love of his life", the former Janet Irene Mosley, on 1 October 1960. The two remained inseparable and dedicated their lives to one another until his passing.

He is the son of the late F.J. "Lobby" and Violet Vukovich.

George was a member of the United States Armed Forces and served in the Army from 1958-1959. After serving our country he was employed with Matthews Conveyor Systems, Interstate Construction, and worked in the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, until his retirement. He also owned his own auto-body repair shop as this was a true passion of his! He was a life-time member of the Croatian Lodge, member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, and St. Camillus Church as well.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, father-in-law and friend, he is survived by his wife, Janet of Manteno Illinois; son George, Jr. (DeAnn) Alliance, Oh; daughter Karen (Steve

Simcak) Mentor, Oh; daughter Diane, Bloomington, Il; daughter Patty (Tony Hemker) Manteno, Il; son Dan, New Castle, Pa; 17 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; sister Lillian Terreri, Pittsburgh, Pa; sister Dolly Vukovich-Mort, New Castle, Pa; sister Maryann (Russ Freed), Neshannock, Pa. His greatest joy was his family! He cherished every moment he had with his grandchildren in particular. He loved hearing their stories and having his special "papa-time" with each!

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his infant brother (Carl); nephew and godson, Trooper Rusty Freed; grandson, Steven Simcak; in laws, James C. and Wanda Mosley; brother in law, James E. Mosley; and nephew Tim Mosley.

A private memorial Mass for George will be held at The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Bourbonnais, Illinois on 11 September, 2021.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Deepest sympathy to the entire Vukovich family. The memories of his life hopefully will help in this most trying of times. John Richey*

John R. Richey - September 04, 2021 at 07:12 PM

DW

“ *To the Vukovich/Simcak Families- We are so sorry to hear of your loss. (Heavens gain)
Know that we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
God bless you and hugs to you all!
Cousins Jack and Debbie (Simcak) Wentz*

Debbie Wentz - September 03, 2021 at 09:36 PM

JF

“ *Papa.....I have got to say it's been tough this week. I missing you like crazy today. I thought about all of our adventures we experienced together and you will forever and always be the best babysitter I could ever of had in my life. I wish I could of said I love you one more time but just know that even when life gets in the way your always on my mind.*

P.S. I'm going to make a trip to the Blue gas station for the both of us.

Love, Jimmy

James Foltz - September 03, 2021 at 03:10 PM

DV

“ I know that I haven't been apart of your family for many years, but I always thought and felt like you were always my family. I really loved you George, I know that you are at peace. Thank you for always making me feel welcome. Until we meet again.

Love,
Doreen Vukovich

Doreen Vukovich - September 01, 2021 at 07:18 PM

DC

“ He was and will forever be so very loved. My condolences to the entire Vukovich family. ~ Dori Cameron



Dori Cameron - September 01, 2021 at 03:41 PM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss for all of you. I will be there in Spirit next Saturday. Please know I will continue praying for his entrance into Jesus arms in Heaven. Asking many blessings for all of you 💜 🛐

Karen S. Hemker - September 01, 2021 at 02:50 PM

PB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Patty. I know your father was a good man from hearing Steven, and Steve talk about him. May he rest in peace.



Penny an Burt - September 01, 2021 at 02:03 PM

MS

“ Hey papa, just wanted to say good bye and you will always be loved and missed. I will continue to live my life as your favorite way of doing things “kicking ass”. Love Michael.

mike simcak - September 01, 2021 at 01:45 PM

MD

“ Patty, I am so sorry for your loss, I know what it is like to lose a parent I lost both of my biological father and step father. My heart is with you and your family If you need to talk anything i am here to listen.

Michael Davidson

Michael Davidson - September 01, 2021 at 12:45 PM

RK

“ Patty. Our prayers are with you and your family. You were an amazing daughter. I know how hard it is to say good bye especially to your father. I m here if you need to talk even though I’m not there.
Renee Knickrehm

renee knickrehm - September 01, 2021 at 12:12 PM

PH

Thank you

Patricia Hemker - September 01, 2021 at 12:13 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 01, 2021 at 11:16 AM

GV

You are greatly missed, dad! We love you!

George Vukovich - September 01, 2021 at 11:34 AM



Love you dad. This is so unreal ❤️😭. Love you forever. 🥺

Karen Vukovich Simcak - September 01, 2021 at 11:39 AM

DI

Always in my heart dad I love you fly high and watch and protect us

diane - September 01, 2021 at 12:05 PM

PH

Love you dad!! You are and always will be my hero. No more suffering. You will be in my heart forever. Rest In Peace

Patricia Hemker - September 01, 2021 at 12:10 PM

MV

Grandpa, you'll always be in my heart. I have so many great memories of us starting from the first times that I can remember. You taught me so many valuable life lessons, and also taught me to become a half decent fisherman (I owe the latter all to you). My family and I saw a rainbow in our backyard the day that you passed, and I know it was you smiling from above. I love you and miss you.

Mike Vukovich - September 01, 2021 at 12:39 PM

BD

My Deepest Sympathy to all my Cousins



Becky Domin - September 01, 2021 at 12:45 PM

DW

While our hearts mourn the loss of George's physical presence with us, his newest journey comes with a huge sign-on bonus - a reunion with his family and friends – those he has not seen in a long time. It will take him to a wonderful place where he will be socializing, dancing, and watching game shows to his heart's content. Music, love, and laughter are guaranteed.

Godspeed, my treasured father-in-law. You are deeply loved and we know you will be watching over us.

DeAnn Wandler-Vukovich - September 01, 2021 at 12:48 PM

PP

I have vivid memories of staying overnight at aunt Vi's and uncles Lobby's on Lawrence Avenue and waking up to George sleeping on the front porch with his accordion. He was my hero.

Love you much, cousin. Vjecnaja pamjat

Our love and sympathies to Janet and the family.

Peter and Donna Pavkovich

Peter Pavkovich - September 01, 2021 at 12:54 PM