



Joseph Mason

October 1, 1917 - August 20, 2007

Joseph Mason -- Bourbonnais Visitation for Joseph "Candy Man" I. Mason, 89, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. Charles Wheeler will officiate. Private inurnment will be held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the family wishes. He died Monday (Aug. 20, 2007) at his home. He was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Wilmington, N.C., the son of Adam Whitfield and Laurette Chamberlain Mason. Mr. Mason retired from ComEd after 40 years of service. He was a veteran of World War II; member of St. Rose of Lima and member of IBEW. His hobbies included watching the Cubs, the lottery, sharing candy and a smile with everyone he met. He enjoyed a good meal, watching "Jeopardy," "Wheel of Fortune" and "Walker Texas Ranger," and the company of his buddies, Chuck, Sally and Sugar. Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Jo McGrath and Dave and Brian Smolkovich of Bourbonnais, Mary Paquette and Denis Fitzpatrick of Boulder City, Nev.; two grandchildren and their children, Josh and Glori Mason and their daughter, Brianna, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Brian and Kristi Paquette and their children, Zachary, Emily and Leah, of Reno, Nev.; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Mason and Darlene Mason, both of Bourbonnais; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Jean Schnorf; and two brothers, John F. and Donald. He is a champion, a hero. It is not what he has which

expresses the worth of him, but what he is. He wears his crest upon his heart.

-- Amiel

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“ Thank you for letting me be a part of yours and your dad's life in those last days. ĩ½It was a privilege to have met you and Joe and your special friends Chuck, Sally, and Sugar. ĩ½God bless you and give you His strength in these difficult days of separation from your dad. ĩ½###imported-begin###Vicki Anderson###imported-end##

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“ I delivered mail to Joe for many years when he lived at the house on West Hickory. I could be having a really bad day but when I opened Joe's mailbox to deliver the mail and there was a bag of my favorite candy.....well how can you continue having a bad day? I never saw Joe in a bad mood, what a nice man that I always looked forward to talking with. This world needs more "Joe's". My sympathy to the family.###imported-begin###Dave Harris###imported-end##

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“ Joe was my best friend, Mary Paquette's, dad. He always had a kind word and a smile. Most of all I will remember him whistling around the house. It was happy and beautiful.

He, ironically, grew up in the same French neighborhood as my mother.

Every one who knew Joe loved him.

What a sweetie.

With much love and affection

Georgie##imported-begin##JoAnn Judy Sheekey6##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to all of you on the death of your Father, Joe Mason.

I always enjoyed visiting with him i ½ and talking to him on the phone when I called him from St. Rose Church.

He never forgot a birthday! i ½

He will truly be missed! i ½

My thoughts and prayers to all of you!##imported-begin##Pamela Hartley##imported-end##

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“ Dear Barb and Mary,

I am sorry that I am unable to make it to your father's wake, as I am in Florida untill the middle of next week. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Rosanne##imported-begin##Rosanne Jones##imported-end##

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“ *Mary, I am so sorry about yours and your family's loss. I was visiting my parents Sunday in the old neighborhood and we spent some time talking about your Dad. He was such a nice man! I remember going to the Friday night Novenas at St. Rose with my Dad and your Dad was usually there, too. I also remember all the times he cheerfully shuttled us to those grade-school activities like CYO on Friday night and the football games, and birthday parties! I am sure you have many wonderful memories of him while you growing up, and beyond. You have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Kathy Martel Zammuto##imported-end##*

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