



Joseph W. Shimkus

March 13, 1925 - August 1, 2013

Joseph W. Shimkus died August 1, 2013 at Riverside Medical Center. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until the 11:00 am. Funeral mass on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at Maternity BVM , where he was a member. Cremation rites have been accorded. His wife of 65 years, the former Marilyn Richards whom he married January 3, 1948, passed away January 9, 2013. Surviving are his devoted children Kathleen (Tom) Eagan; Joseph (Christine) and Michael Shimkus; grandchildren Renee (Joshua) Koons, James Eagan (fiancée Kellye Kazlausky), and Thomas Eagan; great-grandchildren, Daniel and Andrew Koons; one brother, Steve (Dorothy) Shimkus; sisters-in-law, Joan Bourget and Frances Knaak; and many nieces and nephews. Joseph was the first born of Joseph and Ursula Shimkus on March 13, 1925 in Chicago. He attended S.S. Peter and Paul grammar school and later attended Fenger High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy WW II Pacific Theater serving aboard the USS Callaghan. After the service, Joseph and his brother ran the family Certified grocery store in the West Pullman area for many years. He later worked and retired from the Calumet Screw Company. He also helped his children make the cheese corn in the earlier years at the Sweet Street Store. He enjoyed being with his family and grandchildren. He was especially fond of fishing with his sons. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; one niece, Ursula Shimkus; and nephew, Thomas Bourget; and two brothers-in-law, Bert Knaak and Robert Bourget. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

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Tribute Wall

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“ We lived on Yale down the block from the Shimkus grocery store in the '60s. I was just a kid, but still remember Joe fondly. I also recall that he occasionally made our day with a free piece of Bazooka bubble gum! My condolences to his family.

Lisa Gluskin - December 11, 2015 at 05:47 AM

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“ 28 files added to the tribute wall



Mike - August 08, 2013 at 11:51 PM

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“ I will miss seeing Mr. Shimkus being taken out by family members to feed the birds. And, it was always a treat to see the many, many beautiful puzzles he put together. There is one hanging in the reception area and two in the gift shop at Presence Our Lady of Victory.

Bonnie Ross - August 07, 2013 at 01:28 PM