



Leonard P. Knezz

January 12, 1925 - September 23, 2013

A memorial Mass for Leonard P. Knezz, 88, of Manteno, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. The Rev. Albert Heidecke will officiate. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 N. Main St., Chamberlain, SD 57325. He passed away Monday (Sept. 23, 2013) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Knezz was born Jan. 12, 1925, in Chicago, the son of Michael and Yvonne Srica Knezz. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II from April 1943 to November 1945.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth "Bobbie" Dalton, of Manteno, whom he married Oct. 14, 1950, in Chicago; five sons, James Knezz, of Minnesota, David Knezz, of Homer Glen, Stephen (Kanne) Knezz, of Wisconsin, Michael (Rosie) Knezz, and Patrick (Jenny) Knezz, both of New Lenox; four daughters, Mary (Ron) Melka, of Brookfield, Peggy (Pat) Shannon, of Chicago, Jennifer Romanowski, of Plainfield, and Beth (Jonas) Phillips, of Palos Park; 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Jane Delle, of Clarendon Hills.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son-in-law, Ron Romanowski; and one sister, Emily Thomas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Indian School (1301 North Main Street; Chamberlain, SD) - http://www.stjo.org/site/PageServer?pagename=stjo_homepage

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Inurnment

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Dear Aunt Bobbie and all my Knezz cousins,

I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Uncle Lenny singing and how he always told you guys I was your Aunt, just so I could correct him and tell him I was a cousin, not your Aunt, unfortunately I will not be able to attend the service on Saturday, but please know you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. It's never easy to lose someone you love, but especially someone who had such an impact on all of us. Love to all of you. Barb wheeler Justic

barbara justic - September 26, 2013 at 10:14 PM

MW

“ Dear Knezz family,

It is with much regret that I will be unable to honor your fathers life and to offer my personal condolences to you. I will be visiting my son Chris and his family in Kentucky. Like my brother, I too have many fond memories.

Uncle Lenny was instrumental in helping me get my first full time job at Nabisco. I also remember him keeping our television I working order and the many family card games that. We're played at our house.

Uncle Harry, before his death, shared several 8mm movies with me of the Dalton girls and there beaus/husbands. I am sure that the gang was at the pearly gates to great Lenny when he arrived.

God bless you all and know that he, and all of you, are in my prayers.

Mike Wheeler

Mike Wheeler - September 25, 2013 at 06:06 PM

MW

“ Dear Knezz family,

I am so sorry to here of Uncle Lenny's passing, I will be out of town this weekend and will be unable to attend the services. I just want you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of Uncle Lenny and our childhood fun in Calumet Park, your dad was a good guy and will be missed.

With Deepest Sympathy

Marty Wheeler

Martin j. Wheeler - September 25, 2013 at 01:34 PM

TB

Dear Knezz Family,

*I am so sorry about your Loss of such a Wonderful Husband Father and Grandfather and Friend. Tom and I wont be able to attend the services, we are going out of town this weekend plans made several months ago. A lot of good Memories Tom has spoken of Mr Knezz. He will be missed by all of the Brunettes. We would have been there for sure. Tom remembers walking past your house and hearing Mr Knezz sing in the shower. or about the Tomatoes. That's what living on Justine make of the good neighbor memories. With Deepest Sympathy.
Tonie and Tom Brunette*

Tonie and Tom Brunette - September 26, 2013 at 05:30 AM