



Robert Merino

December 30, 1925 - June 7, 2008

Robert M. "Frenchie" Merino, 82, of St. Anne, died Saturday (June 7, 2008) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Anne Catholic Church. Father James Fanale will officiate. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Anne Catholic Church, where he was a member. Mr. Merino was a former employee of Royale Blue Grocery in St. Anne and worked for the St. Anne and Hoopston Foundries. He was born Dec. 30, 1925, in Aroma Park Township, the son of Lawrence and Josephine Brown Merino. His wife, the former Pauline LaGessee, whom he married June 29, 1952, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Momence, died Dec. 23, 1998. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He was an active member of the St. Anne American Legion for 60 years. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and birdwatching. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Ann Merino of Lineo Lakes, Minn.; one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Richard Hoekstra of Momence; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Teresa and Leo Demers of St. Anne, Dorothy Boudreau of Bourbonnais; and one brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Toni Merino of Milton, Fla. One son, Jeffery, is deceased.

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“ *Frenchie will forever hold a special place in our hearts. ĩ½He has been a great friend to my Mom Betty since my Dad's death and a great friend to my Dad prior to his death. ĩ½He was truly and person who will forever be missed by my family. ĩ½We loved him and will miss him.*##imported-begin##*Judy Hartman*##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of my part of the Corriveau family, Russ Sr. and Edith and Russ Jr., you have our sympathy. For me, Frenchy was one of those people you couldn't forget. He was a memory maker.##imported-begin##Donna (Russell Corriveau) Cole##imported-end##

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