
Joseph E. Killinski

Joseph E. Killinski, 89, formerly of Johnson Street, Wilkes-Barre, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at Smith Nursing Home, Mountain Top.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on Aug. 9, 1923, the son of the late Frank and Mary Rose Walkiewicz Killinski.

He was a life resident of Wilkes-Barre, where he was a graduate of and attended Wilkes-Barre area schools.

He was employed for many years by Taylor Wines of New York as a Northeastern Pennsylvania state manager. At one time he was also employed by JAS Barclay as a liquor control agent. He enjoyed his job immensely and had many stories to share concerning his travels with the industry.

Joseph was an avid follower of the local church bazaars where he enjoyed indulging in ethnic food and listening to Polka music. He was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre. He served many years as a church usher for the former St. Aloysius Church, Wilkes-Barre. He was also a member of the Tatra Club of Luzerne County; the North End Slovak Club, Wilkes-Barre; American Legion Post 781, Mountain Top; and also American Legion Post 837, Wilkes-Barre. He was a former member of Catholic War Veterans Post 274.

He was proud to serve his country in the U.S. [Army](#) as a private first class in [World War II](#).

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, the former Myrtle Storm, in January 2009; brothers, Frank and Stanley Killinski; and sisters, Helen Cybuck, Edna Churnetski, Josephine Morris and Florence Fedak.

Surviving is his caretaker and beloved great-niece, Colleen Macko, Mountain Top, who was with him at the time of his passing. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday from George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 N. Main St., Ashley. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township. Friends may call from 8 to 10 a.m. Friday.

The family of Joseph would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Smith Nursing Home and Heartland Hospice for all the care, support and compassion given to Joseph and his family in their time of need.

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