

Gale C. Petron, 80
Sauk Rapids, MN
April 4, 1937 - Dec. 2, 2017



Mass of Christian Burial was 10:30 a.m. Dec. 11, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rice for Gale C. Petron, age 80, who passed away Dec. 6 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Rev. Thomas Becker officiated and burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Dec. 10 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rice and one hour prior to the services Monday. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids.

Gale was born April 4, 1937, in Graham Township to Ralph and Virginia (Hess) Petron. He served our country in the U.S. Air Force. He married Dorrain Pekarek on Oct. 7, 1961, in Brennyville. Gale worked as a nursing assistant at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center for 21 years, retiring in 1983. Gale also worked part time for Hess Packing. He was a mem-

ber of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Bishop Busch Council No. 9138. Gale was also a member of Rice American Legion Post No. 473 and the Rice Sportsman Club. He enjoyed hunting; fishing; playing cards especially cribbage; watching the Twins, Vikings and Gophers; and spending time with his grandkids. He enjoyed spending time in his garden growing tomatoes, cucumbers and watermelons. Gale was faithful family man who was proud of his military service. He was a tough, determined, stoic man who never gave up.

Gale is survived by his wife, Dorrain of Rice; children, Joanne Skaj of Sartell, John (Pam) Petron of Rice, Nancy (Mark) Kostreba of St. Joseph, Judy (Russ) Wolter of St. Anna, Susan (Luke) Andresen of Oak Park, Joey Petron of Rice and Anne (Troy) Mansell of Paynesville; sisters and brothers, Gloria Buettner of St. Cloud, Shirley Gebhardt of Sauk Rapids, Dennis (Joyce) Petron of Royalton, Jim (Bev) Petron of Rice, Willie (Pat) Petron of Rice, Jerry (Kathy) Petron of Royalton and Kathy (Jim) Gottwalt of Rice; and grandchildren, Tommy, Becky, Megan, Kristen, Allen, Alex, Emily, Jacob, Katie, Ashley, John, Chase, Kennedy and Hannah.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Barbara; and brothers, Glenn and Donnie.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.

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