

Chester R. Kowalski



Chester Raymond "Chet" Kowalski of Caseville and formerly of Sterling Heights died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007 on his 85th birthday.

He was born in Roseville and was the loving son of the late Roman and Cecelia (Kwiakowski) Kowalski. He was a World War II Navy veteran, and a plank owner of the USS Sturtevant.

Chester was the dearest father of Constance (Ray Strohecker) of Gladwin, Kathleen (Rich Rybicki) of St. Clair Shores, Chester of New Orleans, Louisiana, Kenneth (Karen) of Orion Township and Danny (Cheryl) of Caseville. He was predeceased by his adored and cherished daughter, Deborah. He was also the father of Eddie Taylor and Kimberly Parker, and is survived by Dolores Selby, the mother of his children. He was a beloved grandfather of 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. He was the dear brother of Edward and Ginny, Theodore and Donna, Clarence, Phyllis Stukle, Shirley Bracco, and Barbara Perkola all of Michigan and Frank of Oklahoma. He was predeceased by his siblings Joseph, Roman, George, Dolores, Helen, Robert and Leonard.

Chester shipped the Great Lakes on the Metfa. He was a charter member and past president of the Warren Lions Club, the Warren eagles Club, and the Knights of Columbus of St. Lawrence (Utica). He moved to Bay Port in 1974, and was a former owner of the Silver Dollar Bar, a former member of the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer firefighter for Fairhaven Township and a member of the Beverage Association. He worked as a mechanic at Auto Tech for Randy and Jeanie until June 2007. Chester was known for his sense of humor and giving personality. He loved gardening. He loved life and lived it to the fullest, and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 2007 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, with Fr. John Weis officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Friday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. The Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in care of the Kowalski Family.