



Casimer Szalkowski Sr.

Casimer Szalkowski Sr., 91, of Fort Gratiot, formerly of Detroit and Port Austin, died Saturday, May 17, 2014.

He was born Feb. 16, 1923, in Detroit to the late Anthony and Amelia Szalkowski. He married Alfreda Michalowicz April 17, 1948, in Detroit.

Mr. Szalkowski served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a demolition expert attached to the Army Rangers and also took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He received four battle stars for his service; North Africa, Northern France, Normandy and Rhineland, and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge.

Following the war, he served as a police officer for the Detroit Police Department for 25 years, retiring Jan. 6, 1973. He was an expert marksman for the department and was a firearms instructor for both the Detroit Police Academy and the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Szalkowski will be remembered as an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and especially spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Alfreda; son, Casimer Szalkowski Jr.; daughter, Sharon (Stuart) Kline; grandchildren, Catherine (Thomas) Lauria, Matthew Szalkowski and Sara Kline; and great-grandchildren, Rayne Caterina and Jenna Lauria. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen, Marie and Sophie; and brother, Thaddeus.

Memorial services will be conducted at a later date. Inurnment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials may be made to The Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI, 48207, Attn: Development Office.

Arrangements are by Marysville Funeral Home. To send condolences, please visit www.marysvillefuneralhome.com