



Joseph J. Butkus

October 28, 1924 - June 29, 2012

87, of Indianapolis, passed away June 29, 2012. Born October 28, 1924, to the late Joseph Butkus and Theresa Yonkouski; Joseph loved to fish in Spoon River near his hometown, Farmington, Illinois. Shortly after graduating high school, Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was chosen to participate in a meteorology program. While in the service, he was an avid basketball player on the Army Basketball Team. At the end of WWII, he finished his college education at University of Idaho, where he was the only graduate chosen by General Electric for an employment test program. He stayed on for another 35 years and retired in 1986. Joseph is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Visitation will be held Monday, July 2, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. until the time of service at 6:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 777 Sunblest Blvd., Fishers, IN. Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Beverly Butkus; daughter, Cathy Gorge (Roger); grandchildren: Adrienne, Austin and Zach. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Ste 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.