



Joseph Earl Russell

January 7, 1922 - March 20, 2014

Born to this life on January 7, 1922 in Raywick, Kentucky as the third youngest of 10 children to Charles and Mary Emma (Mitchell) Russell. Born to Eternal Life, embraced by Our Lord Jesus Christ, on March 20, 2014 in Naples, FL at the age of 92. Beloved husband for 65 years to Dolores (Koenig). Dear father of Linda (David) Fox of Saint Francis, WI, Susan (Maurice) Steiner of Naples, FL, and Karen Russell of Henderson, NV. Grandfather of Matthew (Deanna) Lawerenz, Carissa (Jason) Hofstede, Brian (Tina) Fowler, Bradley (Marissa) Fowler, and Maribeth (Joe) Fox-Chmielewski. Great-grandpa of Noah, Isaac, Karina, Kinsley, Jonah and Charlie. Survived by brother Francis Edwin of Evansville, WI, nieces, nephews, friends and his faithful little lap dog Muffie. After serving in the Navy during WWII Joe settled in Milwaukee. He was a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering and retiree of the WI Gas Co. He was instrumental in the beginnings of the Milwaukee chapter of NARI and a longtime member of Toastmasters. A very devoted Catholic, he had a heart for the poor. He lived the gospel through his dedicated membership of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name Society (humbled recipient of the Only Jesus Award), Third Order of St. Francis, Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, Serra Club, and Men of the Sacred Heart. Long time donor to the Milwaukee Blood Bank. Pioneer member of the former Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Milwaukee. In 2004 Joe and Dolores moved to Bonita Springs to enjoy the sunshine and warmth of Florida year around.

Visitation on Tuesday, March 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. at Shikany Funeral Home, 28300 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs followed by Mass of the Resurrection at 10:30 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Parish, Bonita Springs with celebrant Reverend Father Jarek Sniosek.

Private Internment.

Please omit flowers. In Joe's memory extend an act of kindness to someone in need. Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a charity of your choice appreciated.

The family extends their deep gratitude to Dr. Bernard, Dr. Finkle, the staff of Arbor Glen, and Avow Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Earl Russell*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM