



## Bernard (Shimshock) Szymczak

November 28, 2005

Szymczak (Shimshock) Bernard L. 11/25/23 to 11/25/05. Preceded in death by wife of 52 years Jane, brother Walter, sister Josephine. Survived by children, Paul (Becky) and Walter; grandchildren, Dustin and Caitlyn; brother, George (Helen) and many nieces and nephews. Bernie was born and raised in NE Mpls, graduated from St. Thomas College with a bachelors degree, received his masters degree from the U of M. Taught high school English and Latin at Osseo, DeLaSalle and retired from Anoka High School. He was a 50 year member of Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree Fridley Council, a member of Toastmasters International, very active with church and was a member of Immaculate Conception and Holy Cross Catholic Churches for many years. Received the WCCO "Good Neighbor Award" and the Columbia Heights Humanitarian of the Year Award. His endless giving to others will be remembered by all who knew him, but most of all Bernie will be remembered for his passion for his Polish Heritage. He helped forge the Sister City relationship between Columbia Heights and Lomianki, Poland, the place where his brother died in WWII. He was active in many other Polish related organizations. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday 10AM, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 41st Ave. & Jackson St. NE, Columbia Heights. Interment Sunset Cemetery. Visitation one hour prior to Mass at church and Tuesday 5-8 PM with vigil prayers at 7 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel 4101 Central Ave NE 763-789-4436.