



John Albert Malecha

November 11, 2014

Malecha, John Albert 92, of Hopkins, passed away on November 11, 2014. Born May 16, 1922 to parents Joseph and Mary (Simon) Malecha, he grew up in Veseli, Minnesota and attended New Prague High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942, serving in the South Pacific, and again in the Korean War. He married Eleanore Jean Bingen at All Saints Catholic Church in Andover, South Dakota, on September 17, 1949. His first job after leaving the farm, while enrolled at Minneapolis Business College, was busing dishes at Mike's Cafe at 7th and Hennepin. Upon graduation he worked for the Durkee-Atwood Company in Northeast Minneapolis. He worked for Superior Separator Company and then B&W Elevator Supply Company, where he became sole owner in 1963. Ideal Grain and Seed Cleaner Manufacturing Company of St. Paul was seeking a buyer in 1970 and he formed a partnership with Melvin Erickson to make the purchase. It was a "most harmonious relationship" that lasted until 1995. He was an active member of St. Joseph's Church, Nocturnal Adoration Society, the Knights of Columbus, VFW, Park Valley Association and Hopkins Zoning & Planning Commission. During retirement, he enjoyed travel, attending Minnesota Twins games and gardening. He was pre-deceased by his wife, "Ellie," of 56 years, and by his seven siblings: Ludmilla, Angela, Joseph, Rosemary, Ernest, George & Melvin. He is survived by his five children, Marna (Jim) Landwehr, John (Karen Bergstrom), Mary Malecha (Paul Vandeventer), Marcia, and Marlene. He is survived by eleven grandchildren, Cassie (Kiril) Todorova, Timothy and

Daniele Landwehr, Katie (Dave) Stelton, William Malecha, James and Ethan Vandeventer, Kirby and Jack Burnett, Gigi and Jules Gimbernati and two great-grandchildren, Teo Todorov and Maya Todorova. Our sincere thanks to all the caregivers to John, who demonstrated great compassion and respect in providing comfort for a gentle and loving man. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tues., Nov. 18th at 11 AM at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church, St. Joseph Campus, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins, with visitation one hour prior to Mass. Visitation will also be at Strobeck-Johnson Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins on Mon. Nov. 17th from 4-7 pm, rosary at 6 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice. Clear the dance floor in heaven, and have a polka with mom -- "Roll out the barrel, we'll have a barrel of fun. Roll out the barrel, we've got the blues on the run, Zing boom tararrel, ring out a song of good cheer, Now's the time to roll the barrel, for the gang's all here."

Tribute Wall



“ *Just found out about Johns death. Sorry for your loss. John was a great uncle and inspiration to me. Roger voracek*

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