



August "Augie" Aydt

June 4, 1918 - May 2, 2018

August "Augie" Aydt, 99, of Centralia passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Centralia Fireside Nursing Home.

He was born June 4, 1918 in Centralia, son of Leonard and Cecelia Aydt. He married Frances Lukaseck on November 9, 1957, and she preceded him in death on February 26, 2011.

Augie is survived by his daughter, Ruth Aydt, and her husband, Von Welch, of Bloomington, Indiana; sisters-in-law Dorothy Aydt and Phyllis Aydt, both of Centralia; and several generations of nieces and nephews, many of whom call him "Uncle Chub".

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Edward Aydt, Robert Aydt, William Aydt, and Harold "Pete" Aydt I; three sisters, Amelia Aydt, Mary Williams, and Lorene Hollenkamp; one half-sister, Nellie Schuester; and one half-brother, John Aydt.

Augie served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was transferred to Galesburg, IL in 1957 while working for the railroad and returned to Centralia in 1980 after he retired. He was a member of St. Mary Church in Centralia, the Knights of Columbus, and the VFW.

Augie gardened, fished, rode his bicycle, collected wood for his wood stove, and was an avid "recycler" before it became fashionable. In his early 90s he had to slow down; he moved first to Heritage Woods and then to Fireside House, forming many new friendships with staff and residents. In his later years, Augie spent more time reading, doing puzzles, and watching baseball.

As a life-long Cubs fan, 2016 was a great baseball season. Being active remained important to Augie and he participated in daily exercise classes until last week. He took pleasure in simple things, and the twinkle in his eye brought joy to many.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at St. Mary Church in Centralia, with Father Dale Maxfield officiating. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Centralia. Visitation will be held Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Church, St. Mary School, or the Centralia Humane Society, and will be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia who is honored to be of assistance to the family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

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“ *Those that are faithful to the end; I will give them a crown of life and they will eat in paradise.Amen!* ”

George Snider - May 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM