



Michael "Mike" P. Kusturin

January 10, 1923 - May 5, 2016

Michael "Mike" P. Kusturin, 93 of Centralia, passed away Thursday, May 05, 2016 at Fireside House of Centralia. He was born January 10, 1923 in Johnston City, son of Ivan John Kusturin and Julia (Repic) Kusturin. He married Patty Joann Gaetti on June 27, 1952 in Arkansas and she survives in Centralia. In addition to his wife of 63 years, he is also survived by a son, Michael K. Kusturin of Centralia; a daughter, Debbie Dillingham and husband Ken of Centralia; a sister, Agnes Holder of Herrin; a brother-in-law, Bill Gaetti and wife Jackie of Centralia; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: John Kusturin and Andy Kusturin, two sisters: Helen Gorsich and Rose Scoffic, and a younger brother, David Kusturin. Mike graduated from Johnston City High School. He played football, baseball, and basketball during his high school years. He served in the European and Asian Theatres during WWII in the U.S. Navy. Mike worked at the Steel Mills in Chicago after he served in the Navy and later moved down to Centralia. When he moved to Centralia he worked at Valley Steel, Midwest Dairy for 18 years and Centralia Cartage for 13 years and later retired. Mike was of the Catholic Faith. He played Semi-Pro Baseball for the Cub Farm Team as their catcher and he also played on the Centralia Merchants League. He coached Rec League baseball for many years. He enjoyed playing the lottery, golf, and junking. Mike was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends. Funeral Services for Mike Kusturin will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Sutherland-

Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Seth Baltzell officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the American Legion Post 446 and VFW Post 2055. Visitation will be held from Saturday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association and the Centralia Humane Society and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael "Mike" P. Kusturin*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 26, 2018 at 10:38 AM

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“ *To Aunt Pat, Debbie and Michael... I am so sorry for the loss of Uncle Mike.. He lived a long life and I'm sure he enjoyed it all! I'll be sending prayers your way that God keeps his Angels around all of you thru the difficult days ahead.. May he be at Peace now.. RIP Uncle Mike..Hugs to you all... Cheryl*

Cheryl Gaetti Simmons - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I want this to be a good message even though I feel at a huge loss. I will never forget reading the newspaper every weekend with Mike while he sat in his recliner. He never had a bad thing to say about anything or anyone. I grew close to not only him but also to his wife Pat and Children. I would like to thank them for giving me the opportunity to care for Mike.*

Tracy Pierce - May 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM