



Albert George Terzes

September 20, 1922 - December 2, 2016

Albert George Terzes, 94, of Gary, Indiana, passed away Dec. 2, 2016 after seeing his lifelong dream of a Chicago Cub World Championship. Albert was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, and natural family caregiver. He was married to Peggy Kougoufas in 1946 just after serving in WWII aboard the USS Essex Carrier CV9, spending countless days at sea and in battle for the flag and country he so loved. He was actively involved as a church member and council member at his Greek Orthodox Church, a member of the Masons, and worked at US Steel as a Mechanical Engineer, Department Assistant Superintendent in Mechanical Operations Maintenance, after completing his college education post war, later teaching and working as a department head and organizing industrial training at IVY Tech Community College, Gary, Indiana.

In his retirement, he cared for his wife of 71 years, vacationed in Florida, and attended Essex reunions across the nation. Most recently he discovered that he was an artist, attended "Honor Flight Chicago", the "happiest day of his life" and organized a Veteran's group when he lived at Pines Village of Valparaiso and later at Symphony of Chesterton.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughters, Marianne(Ken) Dowdy, Georgene Johnson, and Valerie(John) Tanke; grandchildren in which he took great pride, Kristen(Anthony)Waterbury, Sarah(Jeff) Jura, Maren Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Matthew Tanke, and Michael Tanke; one great grandchild, Mariska Waterbury; sister Elaine (Terzes) Costidakis and brother Jim Terzes.

He is preceded in death by his parents George and Mary (Basinski) Terzes. Albert is a church member at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral , Merrillville, and assisted in its planning and construction. He is also a member of St. Iakovos Greek Orthodox Church, Valparaiso. Funeral service Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. directly at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral , 8000 Madison St. Merrillville, IN. Friends may visit with Albert's family on Monday, December 5, 2016 from 2-8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Interment Ridgelawn Cemetery in Gary, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations to Honor Flight Chicago, St. Iakovos Building Fund, or Sts. Constantine & Helen Food Pantry. [www. burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
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info@burnsfuneral.com
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Trisagion Service

DEC 5. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:30 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I was just made aware of Al's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember our family get togethers back in the 50's and 60's in Glen Park and at Church. Even though we have lost touch, I still remember the family with fond memories.
Mary Bisbis Compton.

Mary Bisbis Compton - December 24, 2016 at 09:10 PM

SU

“ Georgene, Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Sean Urbanski
Surplus Insurance Brokers Agency, Inc.

Sean Urbanski - December 06, 2016 at 09:04 AM

LM

“ Georgene, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. He lived a long life. May you and your family find comfort in our great God at this time of grief and celebration of his legacy.

Loretta Mathis
State Auto

Loretta Mathis - December 06, 2016 at 07:32 AM

FA

“ from the Great Lakes Area purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert George Terzes.



from the Great Lakes Area - December 05, 2016 at 01:57 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert George Terzes.*



December 05, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ *Although we never met, I feel like I've known you for years. I work with your daughter, Valerie. I was always amazed at your talent as an artist. Every piece - beautiful! Thank you for proving that you can do anything if you set your mind to it, regardless of age. And, thank you for your service to our country.*
Michelle Brosemer

Michelle Brosemer - December 05, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the loved ones of Mr. Terzes. May these promises from the Scriptures bring them comfort. Jehovah God is close to the brokenhearted, and he will wipe away the tears from all faces. Psalms 34:18; Isaiah 25:8 NWT. Peace be with you.*

Michelle - December 04, 2016 at 11:06 PM

MD

“ *Peggy, Marianne, Georgene, Valerie, Jim, Elaine and all your families,
Roger and I send our deepest condolences to the entire Terzes family! Al was a great man and has lived a long, fulfilling life! We were saddened to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Al will always be with you in your hearts. You have all those beautiful memories of him!! God bless you all!!! All our love, Roger and Marcia Dowdy*

Marcia M Dowdy - December 03, 2016 at 08:21 PM