



Bill E. Hatch

February 26, 1929 - November 26, 2019

Bill (Billy) Hatch, age 90, of Merrillville, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2019. He was born to the late Percy and Gladys Hatch. A graduate of Tolleston High School, he proudly served in the Merchant Marine Corps and the US Army. Bill resided in Merrillville for many years where he was a member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. He worked at the Sheet & Tin Mill in Gary for 45 years where he was a member of the Safety Committee. He was also a certified TV repairman. Bill was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Nancy Walker, and his dearest granddaughter Tina Walker. He was also preceded in death by his wonderful in laws, Leo & Pauline Procopio; brothers and sisters in laws Dolores Hatch; Frank & Josephine Pavazzi; Benny & Rose Procopio; Al Wayte; Mary Ann Procopio; Spiro Manos; Frank Procopy; Mary Procopy. Bill is survived by the love of his life, his wife Catherine; daughter Lynn (Ed Korpella); son Robert (Bob); brothers Lon (late Dolores) & Richard (Dick) Hatch; grandchildren Tracey Phillips; Jerry (Nancy) Phillips; Wendy (Chuck) Reeder; Amanda Sucku; Ted (Carrie) Phillips; Boyd (Amanda) Walker; Sherry Warren; 15 great grandchildren; and several much loved nieces & nephews.. He also leaves to cherish his memory his much-loved sisters & brothers in law Sarah (late Al) Wayte; Leo (late Mary Ann) Procopio; Mary (late Spiro) Manos; Rose Procopy; cherished goddaughter Cindy (Horvath) Ninkovich; and best friend Bill Horvath. He was also "grandpa" to his grandchildren's friends, to his children's extended families, and to his neighbors. He loved to entertain everyone with his magic tricks as

Mr. Amazo. He proudly passed on his magical secrets to his great grandson Jayden in a ceremony where Bill knighted him with the title of Sir Mr. Amazo. Bill never had an enemy. His kindness and humor touched many hearts. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 1 p.m. until the time of the funeral at 3 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Make A Wish Foundation. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

DEC 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have such fond memories of Grandpa Hatch. His magic tricks, Cape, jokes, laugh, special version of Happy Birthday and amazing, fun personality. I'm sure your now doing your magic tricks for the Angel's. I will always miss and love you.



Barbara Bruno - November 27, 2019 at 05:03 PM

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“ From the time I was just a little girl, and my brother was a little boy, he wanted to share all he could to make us laugh. I will never ever forget his jokes, and the bunny joke (I am sure all the grandkids know what I'm talking about. I never saw him without a smile, but what will forever stay clear in my mind, is his laugh, and his ability to make others laugh.

Lily Korpella - November 27, 2019 at 03:04 PM

BW

Grandpa Hatch was a 'man among men'!

He was always the King of his surroundings; all around him was his personal domain.

He was my biggest fan, even in my failings, always ready with words of encouragement and advice. I loved him for that!

He was wise in his way and always willing to help anyone in need. He was gentle and kind in nature, but was always at the ready to fight for the 'cause' and to protect those who God had entrusted to him.

He was the hardest working man that I ever knew, rising far above what others may have assumed was his station in life.

He was generous, and always had a smile handy when I entered the room. His mood and demeanor were always uplifting, calming the fears of my youth and leaving me, at the end of the day, in high spirits.

He was my hero and I would be happy to have him share my 'foxhole' anytime!

He loved all of us equally, that is to say, with his whole heart. I loved him back in equal measure.

I find myself extremely sad today at his passing. The sadness is for me, for I miss him greatly. But I also feel brilliant heights of joy, as well, and that is for him. He will be in the good company of those who have gone before him!

Please tell them all hi for me.

I love you Dad...hasta la vista...

Boyd Alan Walker - November 27, 2019 at 04:00 PM