



Joseph C. Baran

February 2, 1920 - May 18, 2010

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Joseph C. Baran, age 90, of Merrillville, passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Joe was a retired product recorder from Ford Motor Company in Chicago Heights, IL after 27 years of service. He was a Veteran of WW II- U. S. Marine Corps and a 47 year member of American Legion Post 430 in Merrillville and the Marine Corps League Howlin Mad Detachment. He was a former fireman with the Merrillville Fire Department, Station 1 during the 1960's, and was a Lake County Councilman for 3 terms. Joe is a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Griffith. He was a member of the Macedonian Social Organization (MSO). He was preceded in death by his father, Peter, his mother, Sophia, and his brothers, Henry, Chester, & Edmund, He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Violet (nee Cozmanoff) Baran; son, Randall J. (Joyce) Baran of Dayton, OH; daughter, Michele J. Baran of Merrillville; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. 2 brothers, John (Catherine) Baran of Hot Springs, AR and Walter Baran of Griffith, IN; sister, Emily Kurowski of Crown Point, IN and several nieces & nephews. Friends may meet with the family on Monday, May 24, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home going to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1115 N. Cline Ave., Griffith, IN for a 11:00 a.m. service. The Rev. Steven L. Schuneman officiating.

Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. Prayer service will be held on Monday at 4:00 p.m. American Legion Post 430 will hold prayer service at 7:00 p.m.