



Richard Joseph Smolnicky

March 19, 1929 - December 5, 2010

Richard Joseph Smolnicky, age 81, of Chesterton, IN, passed away on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at his residence. He was the oldest of three children born to John Edward Smolnicky and Helen (nee Bobrick) Smolnicky who preceded him in death. Richard was born in Gary, IN and was a graduate of Froebel High School where he was on the track team and active in theater. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps-WW II and was stationed on The Solomon Islands. ON May 13, 1950, he married his beloved wife of 54 years, Delores May (nee Elia) who preceded him in death. Richard ran a family grocery business in Flint, MI. After moving back to Northwest IN, Richard started a Tom's candy distributorship. Richard later became an insurance agent for Prudential Insurance. He was an avid golfer with the nickname of "Rick The Rocket". He was a Chicago Bulls and Bears fan. He enjoyed rib grilling for his family with his special secret sauce. He is survived by five children; David (Laura) Smolnicky of Hammond, John (Catherine Wong) Smolnicky of Munster, Richard Smolnicky of Chesterton, Deanne (Dave) Fleming of Merrillville, and Karen (David) Read of Porter; grandchildren Julie (Ryan) Affolder, Shawn Flagg (Nick Stur), Amber (Aaron) Nixon, Kaitlin and Shannon Fleming, Samantha, Allison, David and James Read; great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Jillian; brothers, Robert (Pat) Smolnicky, Dennis (Rae Ellen) Smolnicky and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews, and special granddogs, Jack, Angie, Mulder, Skippy and Snookie. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, December 8, 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 Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home going to St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 801 W. 73rd Ave., Merrillville, IN for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Brian Chadwick officiating. Internment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com