



Wallace A. Brezik

August 28, 1922 - March 23, 2013

WALLACE A. BREZIK Wallace A. Brezik, decorated WWII veteran, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013. He was 90 years old. Born on August 28, 1922 in Houston, Texas, he was the son of Joseph F. Brezik and Frances Steffek Brezik, the youngest of nine children and the last surviving member of his family. He was a member of Company B, 82nd and 3051st Engineer Combat Battalions attaining the rank of sergeant. He earned the Silver Star, the Bronze Service Arrowhead, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and 4 Overseas Service Bars. He landed on Utah Beach during the D-Day Invasion at Normandy and fought at the Battle of the Bulge and many other notable campaigns. He was stationed in North Africa, Belgium, England, Germany, Holland, Italy and France. Wally married Gisela Helbig from Aachen, Germany on July 2, 1948 in Rochester, New York. Gisela passed away on February 3, 2001, and Wally never quite recovered from that loss. Wally graduated from the University of Toronto with an undergraduate degree and obtained his Master's Degree in Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. He was an avid Notre Dame fan his entire life. Wally worked as a casualty claims insurance adjuster in the Chicago area for many years. He and Gisela successfully owned and operated the Lorelei Restaurant and Tavern in Glen Park and the Ban Dor Motor Inn in Marion, Illinois. In his later years, he worked as the Zoning Administrator for Lake County, Indiana until he retired at age 82. He is survived by his six children: John from Hobart; Chris (Connie) from Casper, Wyoming; Mary Brezik-Fisher (David) from Ranchester,

Wyoming; Janice Sendak (Michael) from Sparks, Maryland; Ron (Karen) from Beech Grove, Indiana; and David (Denise) from Mountainside, New Jersey. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Danny and Sarah Brezik; Courtney and Mekayla Sendak; and Luke, Mary and Alex Brezik. Wally was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church and American Legion Post 54 of Hobart. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Andrean Foundation, Inc. and the Indiana C.O.P.S. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home. Rev. Dominick Bertino officiating. Services will terminate at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *The brezik Family*

The loss of a loved one is great indeed bringing sadness to those who enjoyed sharing a life together with them. A promise that soon be fulfill by Christ Jesus in the Holy Bible is Isaiah 2:4 reads “And they will have to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears. Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore.” Looking forward to the fulfillment of other scriptures like John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:3,4 comforting those loving Wallace A. Brezik and will be able to see him again in a paradise earth where there is no more death or mourning but Joy.##imported-begin##Rhonda##imported-end##

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“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Uncle Wally when he came to Houston. Always energetic and enthusiastic he was a person who threw himself wholeheartedly into whatever he did. He was the last of my Brezik uncles and I am sad that I will not see him again. I am sure he was welcomed by his big family in heaven, as their youngest came home.##imported-begin##Frances Brezik Allday##imported-end##*

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“ *Ron & Karen,
just found out today about the passing of your father
Cathy and I extend our heart felt sympathies
Ron your father was a good man.
Many fond memories of him and your mom (the bar / the hotel /
times at the house)
God rest his soul*

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