



Joseph Wychelewski

September 23, 1925 - February 9, 2009

Joseph Wychelewski of Prescott Valley, AZ, while surrounded by his family, went to be with his Lord on Feb. 9, 2009, at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center. He was born in Chicago, IL, on Sept. 23, 1925. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in World War II. After returning from the war, he worked as an electrician for U.S. Steel in Chicago for 38 years. Shortly after he retired, he moved to Prescott, Valley, AZ.

Joseph was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was an active member of St. Germaine Catholic Church, singing in their choir for 19 years. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Besides the church, Joseph was a skilled gardener, tending to many rose bushes, and an avid weather-watcher, having recorded the high and low temperatures and rainfall for the past 22 ½ years he lived in Prescott Valley. He was also a world traveler, having visited all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and Europe.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Sophie Wychelewski, and six of his sisters and brothers. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Linda Myers Wychelewski; daughters, Judy Swiger of Mahomet, IL, Barbara Maxwell of Scottsdale, AZ, and Ann Marie (Bill) Sutter of Shingletown CA; grandchildren Matthew Swiger and Sabrina Sutter; two brothers, Harry Wychelewski of Dolton, IL, and Edward Wichelecki of Plainfield, IL; sister Helen Rys of Valparaiso, IN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Joseph's life will be held at St. Germaine Catholic Church on Wednesday, Feb. 18, with visitation

at 9:15 a.m., the saying of the Rosary at 9:45 a.m., and Mass at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon provided by the St. Germaine Ladies' Guild will follow. After the luncheon, burial will take place at Heritage Memorial Park in Dewey. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given in honor of Joseph's memory to the St. Germaine Building Fund, 7997 E. Dana Dr., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Wychelewski*

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Joseph Wychelewski*

Natalie Wychelewski - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *"DOBRY CZLOWIEK"*

Ronald Pappas - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Linda; I'm very sorry that Joe has died. He was a very dear friend and so are you. It was a pleasure singing with him in the choir. Always a smile on his face greeting all his friends. We will miss him.*

Love to you and your family.

Rita Kidwell

Rita M. Kidwell - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *UNCLE JOE:
National WWII Memorial Honoree
THE TITLE
IT CANNOT BE INHERITED
NOR CAN IT EVER BE PURCHASED
YOU OR NO ONE ALIVE
CAN BUY IT FOR ANY PRICE
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RENT
AND IT CANNOT BE LENT
YOU ALONE AND OUR OWN
HAVE EARNED IT
YOU OWN IT FOREVER
THE TITLE
UNITED STATES MARINE*

Ronald Pappas - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *WUJ JOE: "ODPOCZYWAJA W POKOJU"*

Ronald Pappas - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“The Final Inspection”

*The Marine stood and faced GOD,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.*

*"Step forward now, you Marine,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my Church have you been true?"*

*The Marine squared his shoulders and said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.*

*I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.*

*But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When bills got just too steep.*

*And, I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook in fear.
And sometimes, GOD forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.*

*I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.*

*If you've a place for me here, LORD,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had so much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.*

*There was silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the Marine waited quietly,
For the judgment of his GOD.*

*"Step forward now, you Marine,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heavens Streets,
You've done your time in Hell".....*

Ronald Pappas - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM