



Ferdinand Louis Petitti

May 9, 1924 - February 3, 2018

Ferdinand L. "Pete" Petitti, age 93, of Dixon, died Saturday Feb. 3, 2018 at Heritage Square in Dixon. He was born May 9, 1924 in Chicago the son of Angelo and Saraphina (Tiritilli) Petitti Sr. Moving to Dixon right out of Engineering School, he worked as a Civil Engineer for the Illinois Dept. of Transportation for 36 years prior to his retirement in 1987. However, he never stood still. He was always busy and dedicated his life to helping others. He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church, a founding member of the Briar Knoll Hunting Club, and was a past long time member and volunteer at the Dixon YMCA for over 30 years. Fred was also a volunteer at Heritage Square in Dixon, for Lee County Irish Heritage Society Events, Meals on Wheels, was a member of Knights of Columbus and helped build the hall, and Strong Member of the NRA. He loved canoeing, dancing, golfing, pheasant hunting, politics, reading, swimming, Italian food and day trips across the roads of Illinois with the dog.

Pete was in the Navy and served as Chief Airman during World War II, from 1941 - 1947, in a PBY as a Flight Engineer and Gunner when needed. He was deployed in Nicaragua and Galapagos.

He married the love of his life, Irene Manning, April 19, 1952, in Chicago at Holy Angels Church. She preceded him in death March 23, 2000. He was also loving father of his late daughter Debra, and also preceded in death by two sisters Rachel Olos and Antoinette Muccianti and one brother Angelo Petitti. He is survived by one son Thomas J. Petitti of Tuscon, AZ and one daughter

Maria L. Mackey of Chesterfield, VA, 2 granddaughters Allissa Curtis and Angelica Ferrara and 3 great grandsons; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 10:00 AM in St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Keith Romke, officiating. Military Honors by the Combined Veterans Group will follow the Mass at the church. Fellowship luncheon will be served following the Mass. Entombment will be private at Calvary Cemetery in Winnebago. Visitation will be held on Thursday, from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM in the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to Heritage Square and St. Anne Church in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

8616 West State St.
Winnebago, IL 61088
ckg@rockfordcemeteries.org
http://www.rockfordcemeteries.org/?page_id=56

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
1104 N Brinton Ave
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 288-3131
http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ferdinand Louis Petitti*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ferdinand Louis Petitti*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *To: The Pete Petitti Family*

*I had the pleasure of working with Pete at the District two office of the Illinois Department of Transportation for about 25 years. Then he retired for IDOT, but then I kept meeting Pete at the YMCA, golf course, IDOT office, and his daily walk with his dog around Jefferson school. Pete was someone that everyone would look up to and was always working on a project. He would give you great advice. Thank you to Pete and his Family.
Larry and Louise*

Larry and Louise Reed - February 05, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss God bless debra merritt*

debra merritt - February 05, 2018 at 04:02 PM

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“ *Dear Petitti Family,
I knew Pete from work at IDOT, he was always a kind and fun loving fellow. I worked with him on an Eagle Scout project a couple years ago and he had more energy than the scouts! Well, you and Pete are in our prayers,
God Bless Always,
Tony Baratta
Dixon,IL*

Tony Baratta - February 05, 2018 at 02:15 PM

DF

“ *Maria and family, so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Dan and Dee (Coffey) Floto - February 05, 2018 at 10:19 AM

TB

“ *The Browns lit a candle in memory of Ferdinand Louis Petitti*



The Browns - February 04, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Louis Petitti.*



February 04, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *Uncle Fred , you'll be in my heart forever. I will miss your Christmas pizzas and make you proud of mine . Our times and fun together will always be remembered. God watch over you.*
Love, Donna



Donna Vince - February 04, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ferdinand Louis Petitti.*



February 04, 2018 at 01:14 PM