



John Kennedy

May 10, 1926 - February 7, 2006

John W. "Duke" Kennedy, age 79 of Dixon, died Tuesday February 7, 2006 surrounded by his family at CGH Medical Center in Sterling after an extended illness. He was born in Dixon, Illinois on May 10, 1926 the son of William P. and Laurene J. (Wenger) Kennedy. He was united in marriage to Barbara Huggins in Dixon March 2, 1957. She preceded him in death April 5, 1999. By trade, John worked as an ironworker out of Rockford's Local #498 and was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon. John served in the Navy as a Gunners Mate M Second Class and was a combat veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a past commandant of the Dixon Navy Club and was an active, continuous member of the American Legion for 58 years. John enjoyed hunting, fishing and was a lifetime fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago White Sox. He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister Elizabeth Cassessee and a twin sister Helen, who died as a baby. He is survived by 1 son Patrick (Christine) Kennedy of Sterling; 3 daughters Terri (Terry Dawson) Kennedy of Dixon, Cathy (Jim) Jecklin of Dixon and Julie (Mike Carlberg) Kennedy of Sugar Grove; 2 grandsons Jake and Mitch Jecklin; 2 granddaughters Kellen and Brooke Kennedy; 1 sister Ann Lendosky of Tacoma, WA. Funeral services will be held on Friday February 10, 2005 beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of the Resurrection at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Robert W. Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon with Military graveside rites by the

Combined Veterans Group. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00 until 8:00 PM with the rosary recited at 7:30 PM in the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Veterans Memorial Park in Dixon and Hospice of the Rock River Valley.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Kennedy*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John Kennedy*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Our condolences on the death of your father. We will remember him in our prayers.*

We are very sorry that we cannot attend the services.

Ken and Ellen

Ken and Ellen Herrmann - February 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sorry that we can't be there with you. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family.*

Joseph W & Lillian Larson - February 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM