

IN LOVING MEMORY

Joseph "Yako" Zugay of Center Township

1/15/1929 - 3/8/2015

Joseph "Yako" Zugay, 86 of Center Township passed away on March 8, 2015. He was born January 15, 1929 in Logstown and was the son of the late Joseph and Rose (Pavlecek) Dutkovich Zugay. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a beloved son, Joseph Paul Zugay, a daughter-in-law, Noel S. Zugay and his siblings: Mary Dutkovich Madjarevich, Sara Dutkovich and Zora Dutkovich Kirin, Ann Dutkovich Belich, Catherine Zugay Pontis, Rose Zugay Mininni, Frank, John and Tom Dutkovich and Milan Zugay.

He was a member of Saint Frances Cabrini Roman Catholic Church, Center Twp. Joseph retired from J&L Steelworks as an electrician and Center Township Water Authority as a manager.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years: Dorothy (Kenna) Zugay, Two sons and a daughter-in-law: Jack Zugay, Cleveland, Ohio and Mike and Teresa Zugay, Center Twp. Five grandchildren: Maxwell J. Zugay, Jack M. Zugay, Jacklyn Zugay Porter, Michael Zugay, Travis Zugay and great grandchildren. Joseph is also survived by two sisters Frances Miskulin and Agnes Zugay Curcio.

Remembered as a person who was trustworthy, loyal and easy going, he always put the needs of others before his own. A humble man from a large family, he took great pride in living in a home based on family values.

His working career spanned that of a steelworker, electrician and Center Township Administrator.

Exceptionally kind and generous, he was also a strong and valuable mentor to all of us who were privileged to know and love him. Throughout his life, he taught us the true meaning of honesty, integrity and doing the right thing. When in doubt, he always took the high road. He was a remarkable athlete in his youth, having been nationally recognized as an extraordinarily talented baseball player in the late 1940's. His face beamed whenever he was asked to talk about his past athletic accomplishments and he never hesitated to profess great reverence for his home town of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. He never took anyone or anything for granted and he always overcame the numerous obstacles that life presented him by maintaining a positive attitude no matter the odds. We will always be grateful for his patience, insight and hard-working character. A caring father, husband, and valued friend, we will never forget his loving guidance and genuinely helpful ways. Our memories of him will undoubtedly comfort us in the days ahead and for that, we are forever in his debt. He was truly a man that was ahead of his time in that he always gave more than he got. May God rest his soul.

Family and friends are being received on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 2-5 p.m. in the ANTHONY MASTROFRANCESCO FUNERAL HOME INC. 2026 MCMINN STREET, Aliquippa (724) 375-0496.

Private interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made in his name to a charity of your choice.

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