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**Michael A. "Mike" Kolesar**

Michael A. Kolesar, age 101, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 27 with his family and dog Ricky by his side. Our Dad was born on September 29, 1914 in Ironwood, Michigan and was the 9th of 17 children. He was preceded in death by his wife, Regina "Keech", his parents, John and Mary Kolesar, 15 brothers and sisters, and many in-laws and friends. His deeply rooted Catholic upbringing and faith were a cornerstone of his life. He was founding member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Mike was an avid outdoorsman. He loved traveling, camping, hunting and fishing. Mike and Keech traveled and visited all 50 states. He turned his love for base- ball into a career, pitching professionally for 3 years from 1936 to 1939. He joined the Marines in 1942 and served in the Pacific where he was injured but instead of going home, he went back and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was a boxer, and champion bowler. He worked for the USPS and retired in 1975. A people person, he had a fervent zest for life and was always helping people out. Our Dad was a devoted family man and will be dearly missed. He always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell and we all got a kick out of him when he laughed at his own jokes. He is survived by his daughter, Mitchie of Sacramento, CA, Dan (Nancy) of Libby, MT, Dave (Lana) of San Jose, CA and Mick (Sharon) of Elk Grove, CA; 10 grandchildren, 3 step-grand-children, 3 great-grandchildren, 3 step-great-grandchildren; his brother Bernard "Bobo" of Ironwood, MI, sister-in-laws Mary Revoy of Ironwood, MI and Betty Kolesar of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, brother in-law James Soraruf of Ypsilanti, MI, numerous nieces and nephews and his dog, Ricky. Friends are welcome to attend a Visitation 5-8 pm with a Rosary at 6 pm on Monday, November 2, 2015 at East Lawn Elk Grove Mortuary, 9189 E. Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove and a Funeral Mass on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 10 am, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 6210 McMahon Dr., Sacramento. Interment will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, 6700 21st Ave., Sacramento. Followed by a luncheon reception at Vince's Restaurant, 8901 Elk Grove-Florin Rd in Elk Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Loaves & Fishes ([www.sacloves.org](http://www.sacloves.org)) or St. Vincent de Paul ([www.svdpc-sacramento.org](http://www.svdpc-sacramento.org)).

**Funeral Home****East Lawn Elk Grove**

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