

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Fri Oct 30, 2015

Baran Funeral Home

1235 119th St. Whiting, Indiana 46394

Funeral Service

9:30 AM Sat Oct 31, 2015

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Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 AM Sat Oct 31, 2015

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

119 street

Whiting, Indiana 46394

Obituary

Born: Thursday, February 23, 1928 **Died:** Monday, October 26, 2015

Joseph "Joe" Gulvas, Sr., 87 of Whiting, passed away Monday, October 26, 2015 at the St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Center, Hammond. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Evelyn (nee Lepucki); loving father of Joseph (Bonnie) Gulvas, Jr. of Highland and David (Beth) Gulvas of Crown Point; cherished grandfather of Amy (Peter) Norbot, Shane (Jessica) Gulvas, Kara and Meghan Gulvas; adoring great grandpa of Brooklynn, Austin and Savannah; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John (late Ann) Gulvas and George Gulvas and a sister Ann Curosh.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 9:30am at the Baran Funeral Home, 1235-119th St., Whiting; a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Whiting with the Rev. John E. Kalicky, C.PP.S., officiating; interment, St. John Cemetery, Hammond; visitation at the funeral home on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00pm. The St. John Rosary Society, together with members of the parish, will offer prayers at the funeral home on Friday at 4:30pm.

Joe Gulvas was born on February 23, 1928 in Whiting, Indiana to John and Mary (Fedorchak) Gulvas. He was a lifelong resident of the Whiting-Robertsdale Community and was a graduate of George Rogers Clark High School, Class of 1947. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a member of the American Legion, Whiting Post 80 (memorial service, Friday at 6:00pm). Joe was an active member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Whiting where he was a member of "Forever Blue and Gold", had been an usher and had coached St. John School teams for many years. He had also coached Whiting Youth Leagues and had been inducted into the Whiting Baseball Hall of Fame. Joe played professional baseball for five seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers. A special thank you to the Los Angeles Dodger Organization for their recent gift of his numbered jersey. Joe was a retiree of the LTV Steel Co., East Chicago with a service of 35 years and was a member of USW Local 1011. Joe loved all sports and cheered for the Chicago Cubs, Bears and Notre Dame. Devoted to his family, Joe will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. John's "Forever Blue and Gold" would be appreciated.

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