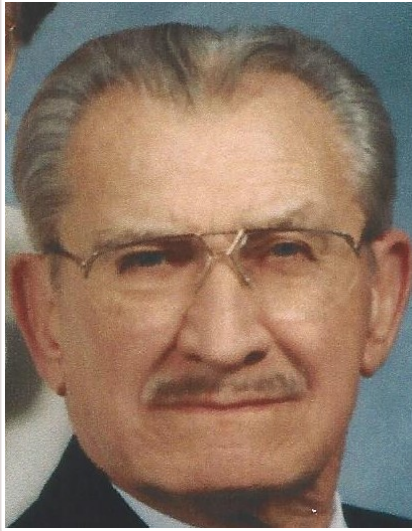


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Michael E. Duplinsky Jr.

June 16, 1922 ~ February 15, 2016 (age 93)



Services

A service summary is not available

Michael E. Duplinsky Jr, 93, of Lower Burrell, died unexpectedly Monday February 15, 2016 in his home. He was born June 16, 1922 in Coral, Indiana county , son of the late Michael E. and Mary (Soltis) Duplinsky Sr. and lived in the Lower Burrell area most of his life. As a young man, he was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates as a pitcher, but enlisted in the Marine Corps at the beginning of WWII. Michael played on the Marine All Star baseball team. He competed with major leaguers and was showcased on the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper to gage his pitching speed against Bob Fellar. During his time in the Marine Corps, he was driver/bodyguard for General Hill. Upon discharge from the Marines, he was traded by the Pirates to the Baltimore Orioles and played for them for 1-1/2 years before returning to the Alle-Kiski Valley. He worked for Keystone Dairy and continued playing in the Pittsburgh Federation League and played for the New Ken Corbins. He worked for Keystone Dairy for over 25 years and then worked for Cauley Detective Agency , retiring after 25 years. Michael was a member of St. Margaret Mary Church in Lower Burrell, the VFW, American Legion and the Disabled Veterans Association, former member of River Forest Country Club, member of the original authority for development and construction of Burrell High School, and 30 year member of the Northern Westmoreland County School Authority. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Lorraine (Stargell) Duplinsky, siblings Ann Daher, Joseph Duplinsky, George Duplinsky and Violet Owsiany. Survivors include sons, James (Mary) Duplinsky of Holland, PA; Joseph (Marilyn) Duplinsky of Lower Burrell; Michael (Lori) Duplinsky of Iowa; and grandsons Adam (Tara) Duplinsky of Iowa and Christian Duplinsky of Pittsburgh. Family and friends will be received from 9:30 to 10:30 am Friday ,in the Narthex of St. Margaret Mary Church in Lower Burrell, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am. Burial, with full military honors by the Vandergrift Veterans Honor Guard , will follow in St. Mary Cemetery in Lower Burrell. www.giglerfuneralhome.com