

Joseph W. Kudasik Jr.

KUDASIK - Joseph W. Jr., 85, Central City, died Feb. 10, 2007. Born Nov. 21, 1921, son of Joseph W. and Anna (McKolosky) Kudasik. Preceded in death by parents; brother, Edward; and sister, Anna Tomazewski. Survived by wife of 61 years, former Helen Borysiewicz; and these children: Ronald, married to former Jean Stiffler, Chambersburg; Karen, Hillsboro, Ore.; Kevin, married to former Penny Skone; and David, married to former Donna Rozwadowski, both of Central City. Also survived by grandchildren, Jill, Ryan, Keenan and Brandon. U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving with the 91st Bombardment Group (H) 401st Squadron. As a tail gunner on a B-17, his plane was shot down over Frankfort, Germany. He spent the next 15 months as a POW until being liberated by Patton's 3rd Army. A retired postmaster, he was a member of the National Association of Postmasters. Life member of the DAV, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Ex-POWs, and Central City VFW and American Legion posts. Charter member of Knights of Columbus Council 9109. Joe was an avid sports fan, lending support to the Steelers, Pirates, Penguins and Pitt. Friends will be received after 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Mulcahy Funeral Home, where wake service will be prayed Tuesday evening. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church, the Rev. Joseph Maurizio. Committal, Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery. Graveside military rites by Central City American Legion Post 449. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make contributions to Regional Hospice at Windber in Joe's memory.