

KOVAK - Joseph F. "Yushki," 76, Richfield, Ohio, formerly of Cairnbrook, died Sept. 8, 2002, at home. Born March 1, 1926, in Queecreek, son of John and Regina (Grohol) Kovak. Preceded in death by parents; grandson, Ronny; brothers, Walter and Francis "Red"; sisters, Anne, Nellie and Helen; brothers-in-law, Charles O'Connell, Angelo Antenucci, Harry Segal and Mike Rajtik; sister-in-law, Eleanor Kovak; and niece, Sally Dively. Survived by wife of 50 years, former Rose Romus; sons, Daniel, and wife, Debbie, North Royalton, Ohio; Ron, and wife, Amy, Copley, Ohio; Richard, and wife, Theresa; and Timothy, both of Richfield; and John, and wife, Mary Ruth, Pittsburgh; and grandchildren, Danielle, Desiree, Joseph, Jenifer, Jessica, Kristin and Kaylee. Also survived by sisters, Nora, wife of Joe Leonard, Hooversville; and Florence Rajtik, McConnellsburg; many nieces, nephews and friends; and loyal loving dog, Tia. Yushki was an avid baseball player and played in the AAABA League at the Point Stadium, Johnstown. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Former employee of Loyalhanna Coal Co., Cairnbrook. Retired from Consolidated Freightways, Richfield, in 1988. Member of St. Victor's Church and AmVets 176, both of Richfield; VFW Post 7457, American Legion Post 449 and PNA Lodge 1878, all of Central City; and the Ohio Teamsters Retirees Association. Of all Joe's activities, what he truly loved was watching the Steelers win and the Indians lose. Friends will be received from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Mulcahy Funeral Home, Central City, where vigil for the deceased will be held Wednesday afternoon. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Central City, the Rev. Father William E. Mullen. Committal, Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery. Graveside military rites by Central City VFW and American Legion posts. Friends who wish may make contributions to St. Victor's Parish, Richfield, in Joe's memory.