



Joseph Amendolea

April 4, 1919 - June 10, 2009

Joseph Amendolea, 90, of Butler, PA, died peacefully on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the Good Samaritan Hospice in Cabot after complications due to pneumonia.

He was born April 4, 1919 in Queens Junction, PA the son of the late Domenick and Maria Rose (Zappia) Amendolea.

Joe was a veteran of the US Army, having served during WWII in Europe as a Staff Sgt. and Squad Leader with the 326th glider infantry regiment 13th Airborne Division. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Theater Service Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with a Bronze Star. He was a lifetime member of the Elks #170 and the VFW Post #249. He enjoyed bowling and belonged to the VFW bowling league until the age of 89. His picture perfect garden that he still maintained until his death, was a joy to all who knew him. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid Pittsburgh Pirates fan. He was loved and will be missed by all who were fortunate to have him as part of their lives.

He retired from Armco in 1981 after 35 years of service as an equipment operator.

He is survived by his daughter, Rosanne (Armand) Natili of Butler; his son, Joel W. (Sylvia) Amendolea of Tonawanda, NY; 3 grandchildren, D'Ante Natili, Regina Amendolea and Joseph Amendolea; a sister, Christine Keller of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Martha "Biddy" Elizabeth Queen Amendolea who died June 1, 1999, 4 sisters and 3 brothers.

Friends will be received from 2-4 & 6-8pm on Friday, June 12, 2009 at the Young Funeral Home, Ltd., Butler, PA. Military services by VFW #249 and American Legion #778 will be held on Friday following the visitation at 8PM with the funeral service immediately following.

Interment in the Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville, PA

Contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Hospice Unit at Condordia, 134 Marwood Dr., Cabot, PA 16023.