



Ignazio Florida

February 6, 1922 - November 25, 2009

Ignazio (Joe) Florida, 87, of Oak Ridge, died peacefully in his home, as he wished, on November 25, 2009. Joe was born on February 6, 1922 and spent his early years in Paterson before moving to Oak Ridge in 1966. Joe was a WWII veteran, serving as Chief Petty Officer and Chief Commissary Steward in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. Following his discharge, he married Josephine (Acetta) Florida. Joe was employed at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of NY for 35 years as the Regional Superintendent in charge of Plants and Production, before retiring in 1982. Joe was a long-time parishioner and usher at St. Thomas R.C. Church, was past President and member of the 4th Degree Regalia of the Knights of Columbus, Council 5510, and past Treasurer of the Golden Age Club of Jefferson Township for over 15 years. In his spare time, Joe loved to tend his garden and cook in his kitchen. Joe is predeceased by his loving wife Josephine in 2006. Joe is survived by his two sons: Joseph Florida of Franklin; and Ronald Florida and his wife Kimberly of Wantage; his grandchildren Lisa, Christina, Ronald Jr, and Jessica; his great grandchildren Gianna and Anthony Joseph; his sister Antoinette Abate and his brother John Florida. Joe also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Visitation will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2009, from 3 pm - 7 pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 LaRue Road, Newfoundland, NJ. 07435. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009 at 9:30 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle R.C. Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ. Entombment will follow at Immaculate

Conception Cemetery, North Church Street, Hardyston Township, NJ. In lieu of flowers, Joe requested that donations may be made in his memory to St. Thomas the Apostle R.C. Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ. 07438.