



WILLIAM OPPELT,

November 4, 1926 - December 4, 2011

William T. Oppelt, Jr. 85, of West Milford, NJ, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2011 with his family by his side. He was born in West New York, NJ to Loretta (Falhaber) Oppelt and William T. Oppelt, Sr. Mr. Oppelt proudly served in the US Army during World War II, stationed in Ft. Sam in Houston, TX. He was a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Church in Hewitt, NJ, as a Eucharistic Minister, serving as an usher collecting mass offerings, and as a reader during the weekly 5 pm mass. Mr. Oppelt was a proud member of the West Milford Elks where he served as lodge secretary for over 22 years as well as Exalted Ruler, District Deputy, and the State Americanism Chairman. He was most proud of his work in raising several hundred thousand dollars to help build the Vietnam Veterans memorial in Holmdel, NJ. Mr. Oppelt was also a member of the VFW of West Milford. Mr. Oppelt was predeceased by his dear wife Marilyn (Murphy) in 2000, his loving son William T. Oppelt, III in 2007 and his brothers Joseph and James Oppelt. He is survived by his beloved daughter Jill Knipp and her husband Jason T. of Hewitt; his daughter-in-law Lori Freeman of Flemington, NJ; his brothers Edward Oppelt and his wife Rosetta of Whiting, NJ and Robert Oppelt and his wife Randi of Park Ridge, NJ, and his sister Loretta Nokland and her husband John of Montgomery, NY. Mr. Oppelt also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren Jason and Jaclyn Knipp of Hewitt as well as 17 nieces and nephews, and his dear cat Lucky. The family will receive visitors on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral

Home, 187 LaRue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435. The funeral service will take place on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 10:30 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Church, 1911 Union Valley Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421. Donations in his name may be made to West Milford Elks, 1860 Union Valley Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 and to Alzheimers Association, 400 Morris Ave. Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834

On line condolences and directions; www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *A good Elk , a great friend. He will be missed*

Al Doyle - December 08, 2011 at 07:15 PM

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“ *TO THE OPPELT FAMILY BILL WAS A TRUE GENTLEMAN AND A TRUE ELK ONE OF THE MOST UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE I EVER MET IN THE 21 YRS IM AN ELK I WILL MIS HIM BEING AROUND THE NORTH DISTRICT MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE ALL WITH ALL OF YOU MAY BILL REST IN PEACE GOD BLESS HIM BILL SAVINO CHAPLAIN OF MAHWAH ELKS #1941 OF THE NORTH DISTRICT ELKS.*

BILL SAVINO - December 07, 2011 at 04:29 PM

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“ *I will miss you always. Rest in Peace, your favorite sister..*

LORETTA NOKLAND - December 05, 2011 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Rest in peace brother, Your family and friends will miss you.*

The Oppelts of Park Ridge - December 05, 2011 at 02:53 PM