



Ludwig "Louie" Matzat

January 15, 1923 - July 14, 2016

Ludwig Herman (Louie) Matzat, 93, passed away early Thursday morning, July 14, 2016, at Aperion Care in Demotte, Indiana. Louie was born to Ferdinand and Helena nee Redweik in Chicago, Illinois, on January 15, 1923. His family moved to North Judson soon after where they became farmers. Louie farmed with his father and brothers, Fred, Otto, Henry, Ewald, Harold, and his sister, Emma. He was an active member of St. Peter Lutheran North Judson, the American Legion Post 92, the Knox VFW Post 748, and with the Starke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Louie served in the U.S. Army--32nd Red Arrow Division--with distinction in WWII. He received a Purple Heart for wounds suffered and earned a Silver Star for valor. He was the sole survivor in his platoon. He married Dorene Wobith on January 28, 1950. He and Dorene made it their life mission to transport veterans to various Veteran Hospitals, as needed, for which they received a special service award from the American Legion for driving 365,000 miles in that endeavor he was named a Starke County Volunteer of the Year.

Ludwig is survived by his wife, Dorene, and four children, Margie (Garry) Wickert, Terry (Carla Raffel), Rodney (Lisa Feldmann), and Barry (Susie Marsteller), and his sister, Emma, in addition to nine grandchildren and great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers and memorials, please remember with heartfelt gratitude to assist our Nations Service Men and Women or make a donation to St. Peter Lutheran Church or Lutheran Military Veterans and

Family Ministries.

Visitation will be from 2-6 PM CT Sunday, July 17, 2016 at O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc., North Judson, Indiana and after 9 AM CT Monday, July 18, 2016 at the church. Funeral services will be 10 AM Monday, July 18, 2016 at Saint Peter Lutheran Church, North Judson, Indiana. Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Such fond memories of a man with a broad smile and faith! Such a wonderful family.....giving and caring. Our prayers are with you. Wish we could be in North Judson to be with you! Our deepest sympathies!*

Barbara Reek - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

SR

“ *Your legacy is the rich, unselfish life you bestowed upon all of us. I honor you for your military service, for your Christian faith, for loving your family so deeply and for always giving the shirt off your back to your friends. You will be missed here and you are most certainly welcomed with open arms in heaven by those waiting for you.*

Sharon Steffel Row - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

PW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Matzat family.*

Patty and Brian Wickert - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

DA

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Our deepest condolences to you for your loss.*

Doug and Denise Anderson - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

NC

“ *Dear Margie, Our prayers are with you. The Lord has called your father home. Rejoice in that. May God give you peace. Your sister in Christ*

Nora Cleary - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

SH

“ Dear Margie,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Praise be to our Lord Jesus that he is now in heaven with Him.
May our Lord Jesus give you His peace and comfort at this time.
Your LWML sister in Christ.

Sandy Hopkins - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

KC

“ Prayers are with the family, so sorry for your loss. A good person on this earth, did a lot in life time for people to remember him by. Home with God. always remember words, (little mary ann), was mother to him. Family of Mary Ann (Harvey, Holmes) Weaver.

kathy cochran - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

JH

“ So sorry for the loss. A good man, prayers or with the family.

JERAL (JERRY) HOLMES - April 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM