



James R. Knight

December 12, 1923 - May 10, 2015

James R. Knight, 91 of Lemont, IL passed away May 10, 2015 at the IL Veterans Home in Manteno, IL. He was born December 12, 1923 in Chicago, IL to Leo and Eileen (Ledwell) Knight and was the great grandson of Catherine and Patrick O'Leary from the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. He proudly served our country from November 1944 to January 1946 in the Army infantry. As a sergeant he was awarded 3 bronze stars while fighting in his 3 campaigns of Ardennes, Rhineland and the European-African-Middle East Theater serving as a BAR (Browning Automatic Weapons Specialist) under General Patton. He was also a P.O.W. James married Margaret Walsh on August 2, 1947 in Chicago. Upon returning from the military James became an executive in the Match industry.

James is survived by his son Kerry (Kim) Knight of Delores, CO, 2 daughters and a son-in law; Patricia (Thomas) Lacey of Felton, CA ,Peggy Knight of Lemont, IL. Also surviving is a sister and brother-in-law; Mary (Thomas) Basich of League City, TX, his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas (Jeanne) Knight of Sacramento, CA, 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Margaret and 2 brothers; Leo and Frank.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at St. James of the Sag in Lemont, IL. Reverend James Joslyn will officiate the service and burial will be at 11:30 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorial may be made to the Wounded Warrior Fund in his

name. Please sign James' guestbook online at Schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Military Honor Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Knight*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Happy 99th Birthday. Miss you always.*

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“ *Peg lit a candle in memory of James R. Knight*



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