

October 14, 2007

Morlock

A Mass of Christian Burial for Robert F. Morlock, 85, was celebrated September 27, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis's Catholic Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. Interment was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

He was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on July 29, 1922 and has been a resident of Texas for 58 years.

Robert volunteered for service in World War II in 1942 and was a member of the 14th Air Force Flying Tigers in the China-India-Burma theater of operation.

He was a graduate of the Christian Brothers High School, St. Joseph, Missouri, University of Missouri at Rolla, School of Mines and Metallurgy and was awarded a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering in 1949. He was a member of Theta Tau and Theta Kappa Phi fraternities.

In 1949, he married Pauline Karl and they began their life together in Texas, where Robert was employed by the Texaco Oil Company. He retired from Texaco after 31 years and became a consultant for Venus Oil Company.

Robert was a dedicated husband, half of a partnership made up of hard work, support and love. He was a loving and caring father. He spent many hours engaged in activities that enhanced the growth and development of his seven children. From scouting to religious, education to sports, he was always a willing volunteer. His care and concern for the poor, the hungry, and the mentally handicapped was a source of inspiration to everyone he met. He was one of Notre Dame's most loyal fans. Golf was his fashion, but was surpassed by his fondness for desserts and Hershey Bars.

He was a husband, father, and grandfather, who peacefully passed away on Saturday, September 22, after a lengthy illness

He is preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Rose Morlock; his brother, William; and son, Brian.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline; his daughters, Mary Gail Buzzella and her husband, Michael, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Peggy Morlock of Liberty, Missouri, and Linda Langlois and her husband, Ray, of Cedar Park; his sons, Michael Morlock and wife, Nancy, of Evergreen, Colorado, Bruce Morlock and wife, Vicki, of Bellville, and John Morlock and wife, Adamina, of Big Bend National Park; 12 beloved grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Shaw of Overland Park, Kansas and Mary Ann Lawhon of St. Joseph, Missouri; and his brothers, John Morlock and wife, Barbara, of Collinsville, Illinois and James Morlock of Carmichael, California.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Immacolata Manor, 2135 Manor Way, Liberty, Missouri 64608. Robert's daughter, Peggy, is in this residential facility for developmentally disabled persons.