



Paul Edward "Nick" LAUER

August 31, 2006

Paul Edward "Nick" LAUER, Age 83, passed away Thursday, August 31, 2006 at Berkeley Square Retirement Community. Nick was born in Hamilton on January 20, 1923 to Nikolas and Magdalena (Bohr) Lauer as the twelfth of thirteen children. He attended school in Hamilton and was a member of the Hamilton High Class of 1942. Nick joined the Army in 1943 as a member of the elite 10th Mountain Division serving in the 605th Field Artillery as a forward observer. During WWII, he fought in the mountains of Italy. He fought in the Battle of Riva Ridge and Mt. Belvedere which opened up the Po River Valley in Italy. He earned 2 Bronze Stars. Nick was a union bricklayer for over 40 years and later owned his own company. Both before and after the war, Nick was a gifted athlete. He played on championship fast pitch softball throughout the Midwest earning recognition for his base running and his field play. He was inducted into the first class of the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 1982. He was an-avid Notre Dame and Reds fan. He also followed sports at Miami University, Taft High School, and later at Hamilton High School. He also followed the games of his children and grandchildren. He was a life long member of St. Peters in Chains. He also belonged to the Knights of Columbus, the Monkey Mutual, VFW. and the American Legion. He married Betty Coggeshall on June 16. 1953. She preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1987. Nick is survived by his children, Carol (Mark) Christian, Nick (Emma) Lauer, Cheryl (Dan) Griesinger, Joni (Joe) Copas and Jerry (Angie) Lauer as well as 12 grandchildren: Jeff, Anne, and Scott Christian; Austin Lauer; Kelli

and Ashley Griesinger; Lauren, Megan, and Andrew Copas; and Nick, Tristan, and Tarin Lauer, all of Hamilton and was anticipating the birth of a great grandchild in October. He also leaves behind three sisters: Helen Hurd, Irene Digonno, and Jean (Ray) Pater; two brothers: Ervin Lauer and Elmer Lauer; sister-in-law, Antoinette Lauer as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife, parents, brothers, Erich, William, and Albert and sisters, Marie Bruck, Louise Tape, Elyse Lauer and Alma Alford.

Visitation will be at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 NW Washington, Blvd. on Monday, September 4 from 5-8:00 PM. a Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at St. Peter in Chains in Hamilton at 10:00 AM with a burial service immediately following at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Hamilton Community Fund Scholarship, 319 North Third St. Hamilton, Ohio 45011 in memory of Nick. The family would like to thank the entire staff at Berkeley Health Care and Vitas Hospice for all of their love and support to both Nick and his family.