



George P. Santagata

May 11, 1926 - November 26, 2012

George P. Santagata, age 86, of Mentor for the past six years, and formerly of Wickliffe, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, at Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby.

He was born May 11, 1926, in Cleveland.

Mr. Santagata retired as a supervisor for Jergen's Inc. in Cleveland, where he had worked for over 20 years. Prior to that, he was a supervisor at the former Pesco Products in Bedford Heights, where he worked on the "Pesco Special" airplane.

George was in the U.S. Navy Sea-Bees during World War II, serving in Okinawa. Mr. Santagata was a member of V.F.W. Post 5799 in Mentor, Knights of Columbus in Lyndhurst, American Legion Post 0888 and the Italian American Golf Association. He loved to bowl, play golf, and garden. He especially loved to watch his grandson, Joe play baseball as well as football for the Mentor Cardinals and Baldwin Wallace Yellow Jackets football teams.

George's survivors include his wife for 59 years, Antoinette "Toni" (Armaro) Santagata; daughters, Francine (Mike) Kasper of Mentor and Terese (Bryan Knoeffel) Santagata of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; grandson, Joe Kasper; and dog, "Freddie."

Preceding George in death are his parents, Peter and Frances Santagata; and brother, Frank "Chic" Santagata.

Funeral Mass will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor. (Please meet at the church.)

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor. Entombment will be in Knollwood Cemetery in Mayfield Village.

Online obituary at www.brunners.com.