

Giles Joseph Steffes

(October 24, 1926 - August 18, 2009)



Giles Joseph Steffes, 82, of Wien passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at his home. He was born, October 24, 1926, a son of Joseph H. Steffes and Caroline Ley Steffes. He married Irene M. Niemeier on May 5, 1953. Giles graduated from Bucklin High School in 1945 and enjoyed participating in many class reunions. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served in the vicinity of Salzburg, Austria. Giles was a life-long member of St. Mary's of the Angels Church of Wien. He served the parish in many capacities, loved singing in the church choir, and was a fixture in the bingo stand at St. Mary's Annual Picnic. Along with his brother, Giles bought the family general store from his father in 1953 and named it Steffes Store. He loved everything about the store business and was proud of its 105-year history. He retired from the store in 1990. He was a former board member of Regional Missouri Bank and for many years, he assisted the late Fr. Phil Moriarty, former pastor at St. Mary's. He enjoyed attending Greyhound basketball games, listening to Cardinal baseball, and especially following his grandchildren's activities. Giles enjoyed traveling with his wife, family and friends. Las Vegas, Branson, Panama City, and Honolulu were among his favorite destinations. But more than anything, he enjoyed time with family. He is survived by his wife, Irene M. Steffes, of Wien; one brother-in-law, Clarence E. Fessler of Macon; two sons and their spouses, Gary and Joy Steffes of Moberly and Bob and Terri Steffes of Jefferson City; four grandchildren and their spouses, Karen and Tim McKnight of Ozark, MO, David and Jeanne' Steffes of Hendersonville, TN, Susan and Kelley Jenkins of Nixa, MO, and Ashley and Eric Hasty, of Columbia, MO; and three great-grandchildren, Janie, Alex, and Adam. Giles was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Caronie M. Fessler and Lorraine F. Fessler, both of Macon, and his brother, Amos J. Steffes of Wien. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 2009, at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Wien. Burial with military honors will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 21, at the church in Wien, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be given to the Wien Road Fund and St. Mary's Church and these may be left at or mailed to Delaney Funeral Home 1720 N. Missouri Ave. Marceline, MO 64658.



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