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Corp Robert Wayne "Coach" Kaminky

BIRTH	16 May 1924
DEATH	24 Aug 2012 (aged 88)
BURIAL	Precinct Cemetery Earlville, LaSalle County, Illinois, USA
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SANDWICH — Robert Wayne "Coach" Kaminky, 88, of Sandwich, passed away Friday, Aug. 24, at Willow Crest Nursing Pavilion in Sandwich. He was a lifelong resident of Illinois and a resident of Sandwich for 50 years.

He was born May 16, 1924, in Sublette, to Erwin O. and Grace (Sargent) Kaminky. He grew up on the family farm outside of Earlville. He attended Earlville schools and joined the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1942.

Cpl. Robert Kaminky was administrative NCO for the 491st Bombardment Group (Heavy), an Eighth Air Force B-24 Liberator unit, stationed in England during World War II. During his deployment, the group earned a Distinguished Unit Citation.

He married Marie (Palmatier) Ward in 1953 and became stepfather to her three sons, Frank "Sonny" Ward, Robert (Marilyn) Ward, of Paw Paw, and David (Betty) Ward, of Mendota. They had two sons, Charles (Sue) Kaminky, of Ottawa, and James (Kim) Kaminky, of Farmington, N.M.

Robert was employed by Caterpillar Tractor Company in Aurora for 25 years. He retired as a production accounting supervisor at age 62.

Robert purchased a motor home and began touring the country with Marie. They toured much of the Western and Southwestern United States. They were married 35 years until she passed away in 1988.

He married Bernice (Petron) Neitzer in 1993, and began his second family, becoming stepfather to her three daughters,

Marilyn (Wayne) Decker, of Sheridan, Sherry (Tim) Christensen, of Sandwich, and Kathy (Troy) Mallinder, of Derry, N.H., and her four sons, Rick (Anita) Neitzer, of Newark, Mike (Beth) Neitzer, of Oswego, Dave (Debbie) Neitzer, of Fullerton, Calif., and Blake Neitzer, of Ottawa.

During his retirement years, Robert was very active in bowling leagues. He became well known as "Coach" at Idle Hour Lanes in Sandwich. He was a very avid card player, skilled at pinochle, euchre and poker.

Following fast-pitch softball also was a pastime he enjoyed and he traveled the area to watch many games.

He was involved in many family activities over the years and was married to Bernice for 19 1/2 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Erwin O. and Grace (Sargent) Kaminky, of Earlville; his brothers, Paul Kaminky, in infancy, Herbert (Shirley) Kaminky, of Somonauk, and Lester (Dolores) Kaminky, of Earlville; his sister, Dorothy (Kaminky) Tate, of Cucamonga, Calif.; his stepsons, Frank Ward, Robert (Marilyn) Ward, of Paw Paw, David (Betty) Ward, of Mendota, and Frank Beardsley; and his first wife, Marie (Palmatier) Ward Kaminky, of Sandwich.

He is survived by his second wife, Bernice (Petron) Neitzer Kaminky, of Sandwich; two sons, Charles (Sue) Kaminky, of Ottawa, and James (Kim) Kaminky, of Farmington, N.M.; and one brother, Fred (Eleda) Kaminky, of Earlville. He also is survived by multiple stepsons and stepdaughters mentioned above and numerous nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial with military honors at Precinct Cemetery in rural Earlville, where his cremated remains were interred.

Family Members

Parents



Erwin O. Kaminky
1895–1974



**Grace Sargent
Kaminky**
1898–1987

Siblings



**Donald Paul
Kaminky**
1918–1918



**Herbert Erwin
Kaminky**
1919–1989



Lester F. Kaminky
1922–1998

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