

Bernard A. Kiefer

July 4, 2012

Bernard A. "Bernie" Kiefer, 90, a lifelong resident of Frackville, died Wednesday at home surrounded by his family.

Born in Frackville, July 21, 1921, he was a son of the late Lawrence and Caroline Miller Kiefer. He died in the home in which he was born.

He attended St. Joseph Elementary School and was a 1939 graduate of Frackville High School.

Bernie was a member of St. Joseph Church, Frackville.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant in the First Division known as the Big Red One. Bernie participated in three major military campaigns, the Invasion of North Africa, the Invasion of Sicily and the D-Day Invasion at Omaha Beach. He served his country with great pride and honor. He earned a Purple Heart, two Oak Leaf Clusters and a Bronze Star for his service to his country.

In 1949, he married Helen Baranowsky and they raised four children, Bern, Jim, Patti and Carol. They were happily married for 62 years.

He was a printer by trade and worked at the Record American newspaper, Mahanoy City, before moving to Creative Printing, Ashland, where he worked until he retired.

Bernie was an avid golfer achieving two holes-in-one. All his life he enjoyed watching and playing sports. Bernie was a Little League coach in the 1950s.

He was one of the original members of the James Hogan Council of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of Frackville Elks and Frackville American Legion Post 398.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Larry, Dan, Peggy Fiorillo and Catherine Bugdanewicz.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; his children, Bern and his wife, Sally, Allentown, Jim, Frackville, Patti and her husband, Atty. Paul Domalakes, Frackville, and Carol and her husband, Tim Twardzik, Frackville; a sister, Joan Fennelly, Frackville. Bernie's legacy lives on in his nine grandchildren, Alex Kiefer, New York City, Katy Kiefer, Washington, D.C., Meredith Domalakes, Annie Domalakes, Paul Luke Domalakes and Madeline Domalakes, all of Frackville, Adam Twardzik, Arlington, Va., Eric Twardzik, Boston, Mass., and Ryan Twardzik, Frackville; nieces and nephews; great nieces and greatnephews.

Bernard will always be known for his easy going attitude and great sense of humor. He will be remembered by townspeople for riding his bike every morning through Frackville until the age of 87. His grandchildren will remember sitting by his side listening to his stories of the war and his early life growing up in Frackville.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and all-around nice guy.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert Finlan, pastor, as the celebrant.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery, Englewood, Frackville. Friends may call from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the church. Contributions can be made to St. Joseph Memorial Fund or Frackville Free Public Library, 56 N. Lehigh Ave., Frackville, PA 17931. To sign the

guest book, leave personal condolences and for further
information, please visit
www.thomasmsullivanfuneralhome.com. Thomas M. Sullivan
Funeral Home, Frackville, is in charge of arrangements.