

John Francis Fallon

April 12, 1927 July 24, 2004

Kokomo resident John Francis Fallon, 77, died in St. Joseph Hospital, Saturday, July 24, 2004, after a long illness. He was born April 12, 1927, in Jersey City, N.J., a son of William and Margaret (Alfieri) Fallon. He married Dorothy (Herleth) Fallon on Aug. 26, 1956.

He graduated from Plainfield High School, Plainfield, N.J. He attended Rutgers University and Rider University. He graduated from LaGuardia School of Aeronautics as an A&E mechanic. During his later years he went back to school and received an associate of science degree in criminal justice from Indiana University.

John served in the Navy from Aug. 24, 1944, until July 21, 1946, and was honorably discharged. He was lead A&E mechanic for Trans World Airlines, Newark, N.J., for 38 years. After retiring, he and his wife relocated to Kokomo.

John was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council 6203 in South Plainfield, N.J., and a life member of the Knights of Columbus Council 656, Kokomo. He was a member of the Fourth Degree and served as Faithful Navigator. He was involved in scouting with his son as troop leader. John was named Volunteer of the Year for his volunteer services at the Indiana University Kokomo Art Gallery.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dorothy of Kokomo; four daughters, Nancy L. and husband Charles Hiss, Kokomo, Judith F. and husband Kevin Kernel, Carmel, Susanne M. and husband John Bilavsky, Cranford, N.J., and Joanne C. and husband Franco Mitrano, South Plainfield, N.J.; five grandchildren, Amanda and Christopher Fallon, Timothy and Claire Bilavsky and Megan Hiss; a sister, Marie Fallon Stone of South Plainfield, N.J.; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Keith J. Fallon, in 2002.

A Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1229 N. Washington St., with the Rev. Ted Dudzinski officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery and Mausoleum, where the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team will offer a final military salute in his honor. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today in Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, with a Rosary Service scheduled for 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Harrison Township Fire Department.

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