

Thursday, July 23, 2009

James J. Kriha, 1922-2009

James J. Kriha, 86, of Montgomery, died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at Friendship Manor Health Care Center in Shakopee.

Born October 29, 1922, in Minneapolis, Jim was a son of Joseph and Marie (Krisco) Lovely. He attended country school and was adopted by Frank Kriha when Frank and Marie were married in 1936. Jim worked for the highway department for many years until retiring. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Jim was a member of American Legion Post #79, VFW Post #5340 and Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and Choir. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and singing in the choir, and loved animals.

He is survived by a sister Evelyn Beinhorn, Blooming Prairie; a brother Leonard Kriha, New Prague; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister Helen Jirik.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Montgomery, with Rev. Cory Rohlfing officiating, and military rites conducted by the Montgomery Area Veterans Honor Guard.

Interment was at St. Scholastica Cemetery in Heidelberg. Pallbearers were Roger Beinhorn, Bill Burgart, Pete Flicek, David Franek, Donald Kriha and Larry Edel.

Visitation was held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Arrangements were with the Keohen Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery.