



Papili, August 'Gus'

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SPRINGFIELD, IL - August "Gus" Papili, 97, of Springfield, Ill., passed away peacefully on Feb. 4, 2017, at 3:35 a.m. in Quincy, Ill.

Born Oct. 2, 1919, in Newport, Penn., August was the son of Pietro and Rosa Morigi Papili. He married Carlinda Roke on Jan. 3, 1942.

Mr. Papili was preceded in death by his parents; son, John Papili; two brothers, Leno and Marino Papili; and two sisters-in-law, Eletra and Nicolina Papili.

August spent his childhood in Italy, returning to the United States when he was 17 years old. He served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII as a paratrooper and received many awards and citations. He was an avid bowler, golfer and hunter. He enjoyed walking the woods with his hunting dogs and traveling to Italy and Costa Rica to visit family and friends.

Gus was the owner and operator of Gus Papili's Body Shop and AA Merchandising Signs Inc. He belonged to numerous business, community and military associations and was a lifetime member of the NRA.

He will be greatly missed by his three daughters: Nancy (Carl) Showalter, Diana Papili, and Roseanne (Rod) Nance; grandchildren: Eric (Dawn) Cluskey, Ken Cluskey, Paul (Jill) Cluskey, Sasha (Jim) Cadigan, Chris Papili, Amanda (Henry) Bitz, and J.D. (Rachael) Courtney; several great-grandchildren; two brothers, Luigi Papili and Giovanni Papili; and several loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

A military service and celebration of life will be held Friday, April 14 starting at noon, at Camp Butler Cemetery and continuing until 3 p.m. at Boccardi's, 3132 Cockrell Lane, Springfield, IL.