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Leonard Sepanek, 86, of Waukegan, peacefully passed away December 20, 2007 at Vista East Medical Center in Waukegan. He was January 1, 1921 in North Chicago, IL and was a life long resident of Lake County.

After graduating from Waukegan Township High School class of 1940, he then enlisted in the Army and was part of Company G 381 Infantry 96th Division. In World War II he was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant after being shot in the Philippines and he then received the Purple Heart.

After returning to Waukegan, he married Bette Halford of Crystal Lake, IL at Holy Rosary Church on August 30, 1947. He was employed at Great Lakes Naval Base in North Chicago, where he later retired. He was a member of the Waukegan Merchant Football Team, The Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion Post 0771 of Gurnee and attended Immaculate Conception Church in Waukegan, ushering the 7:00 mass. His pastime included his love for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. For the last 65 years he enjoyed bowling and was a member in various leagues in Waukegan. He also enjoyed lifting a beer while watching the Cubs and Bears.

Survivors include his daughter, Carol (Tom) Schwab of Waukegan; grandchildren, Michael (fiancée Kathryn) Schwab of Bristol, WI, Jason (Amy) Schwab of Crystal Lake, IL and Shannon (special friend Ken Totten) Schwab of Gurnee; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Austin, Hunter, Jaxon and Addison Schwab; two sisters, Bernice (Al) Wiggins of Park City and Therese (Bob) Deisinger of Mundelein.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bette; parents, Stanley and Rose Szczepanek and sisters, Rose, Virginia, Georgia and Blanch.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 29, 2007 at Immaculate Conception Church at 10:00am. Entombment will follow at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee. Friends may call at the Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home, 4190 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee from 4-8pm on Friday, December 28, 2007. Be sure to sign the online guestbook at www.gurneefuneralhome.com.