



KUHNLINE, FRANCIS L.

Shelton, Washington
1922 - 2011 (Age 89)

Francis L. Kuhnline, 89, of Shelton, Wash., and formerly of Greenfield, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Mason General Hospital in Shelton.

He was born Aug. 20, 1922, in Carrollton, to Frank G. and Thecla (Grummel) Kuhnline. He married Emily Daum on April 22, 1946, and she preceded him in death April 13, 1991. He then married Agnes Grueter on Oct. 4, 1991, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Edward (Sue) of Rockbridge, Don of Carrollton and Bill of Greenfield; two stepsons, Patrick Holladay of California and Paul Holladay of Portland, Ore.; a stepdaughter, Mary Ann Schaffer of West Linn, Ore.; a brother, Joseph Kuhnline of Alton; two sisters, Barbara Rawe of Greenfield and Sister Thecla Kuhnline, O.P., of Jackson, Miss.; three grandchildren, Krista (Chris) Heavner, Kelly (Shannon) Brown and Kyle Kuhnline; two stepgrandchildren, Tobi Miller and Tyler Blake; five great-grandchildren, Alexa, Laiken, Austin, Sophie and Liam; one stepgreat-granddaughter, Aubrey; and six stepgreat-grandchildren. Francis was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Emily; a son, James Francis; two sisters, Sister Josita Kuhnline, O.P., and Elizabeth Ann Kuhnline.

Mr. Kuhnline served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946, serving in the European Theater in 1944. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his service in the 100th Infantry Division in Germany in 1945. He was discharged in January 1946 at Camp Grant in Illinois. He was a 1940 graduate of St. John's High School and he and Agnes were the only living graduates of that class. He retired from farming in 1988, and after Emily passed, he enjoyed spending time in Yuma, Ariz., in winter and summers in their home in Shelton, along with visits back to Illinois.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. at the St. Michael Church in Greenfield. Prayer service will be at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday with visitation following from 4-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Oak Wood Cemetery, north of Greenfield with full military rites being provided by Fitzsimmons Post 225 of Greenfield and Carrollton Post 114. Memorials are suggested to the St. Michael Men's Club. Shields-Bishop Funeral Home in Greenfield is in charge of arrangements.