



## Laverne Wayne Cousino

February 2, 1920 - October 3, 2012

Laverne "Vern" Cousino, age 92 passed away on October 3, 2012 in Illinois. He was born in LaSalle, MI on February 2, 1920 to Ernest and Mable Cousino. He had lived in Toledo most of his life, formerly on E. Beverly Hills Drive.

Vern served in the U.S. Army during WWII, mainly in London, for 4 1/2 years. He received a direct commission as a lieutenant without ever attending officer school. He worked for Hettrick Manufacturing for over 18 years. When Hettrick closed in 1962, Vern became Executive Vice President of National Canvas Products in Toledo, and was instrumental in saving hundreds of jobs for the area. He was President of the Camping Council, a trade organization, for six years. He introduced numerous innovations to tents, including the introduction of color tents. Following retirement he worked part time selling tract housing, and from 2001- 2005 (age 81 to 84) he worked as a bagger at Farmer Jack where he had a loyal following. He served on the board of St. Francis High School, where his sons Mike and David attended.

Surviving are his sons Michael W. Cousino of Columbus, OH and David B. (Darrah) Cousino of Chicago, IL; grandchildren David, Alexandra, Cody, Kelsey and Samantha Cousino; his sister Genelda of Troy, MI, brother Howard of Toledo, sisters-in-law Doris Cousino, Darlene Farber, and Trudy Farber, and many nieces and nephews. Vern was preceded in death by his wife Grace in 2010, his brother Gerald, his brothers-in-law Joseph Cousino, Jack Farber, Jim Farber, Jerry Farber, and his sister-in-law Marabelle

Cousino.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Thursday, October 18 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will begin in the mortuary on Friday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Resurrection at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church at 10:00. Entombment will be at Ottawa Hills Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Please view and sign the online registry at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).