



Michael Bokesch

June 17, 1913 - September 6, 2010

Michael Bokesch, age 97, passed away peacefully September 6, 2010 in his home.

Michael was born in Romania on June 17, 1913. In his younger years political conditions forced him to serve in the Romanian, Hungarian and German Army. The end of World War II ended his military life. He re-united with his family and they lived in Austria from 1945 until 1956. During this time he worked as a fireman/driver at the local American air base.

In 1956, he and his family immigrated to Toledo, Ohio to find a new homeland and a new beginning. The sponsor for their family was Pastor Roy Hoch of Glenwood Lutheran Church. Michael served Glenwood Lutheran Church as head custodian until he retired in 1979. He was respected by all in the church for his dedication, positive attitude and willingness to serve. He loved gardening, watching football and family get-togethers. Michael Bokesch lived his life with dignity and caring for all those he touched.

He was a wonderful husband to Sophia Bokesch for 62 years until her death in 2000. Surviving are his brother, Johann (Mitzi) Bokesch of Austria and sons: Michael (Laura) Bokesch of Lake Forest, CA and Martin (Karen) Bokesch of Toledo. The grandchildren (Martin and Karen) are Susan (Todd) Moser, Eric (Jennifer) Bokesch, Brian (Sara) Bokesch, and Craig Bokesch. The great-grandchildren are: Brianna Elizabeth Moser, Samuel Martin Bokesch, Audrey Sophia and Ainsley Noel Bokesch.

A special note of gratitude from the family goes to Jennifer and the staff of

Hospice of Northwest Ohio and Maria, his caregiver. Their professional and loving care this past year was exemplary and praiseworthy.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road Thursday 2-8 p.m. The funeral will take place Friday Sept. 10th at 10 a.m. in Glenwood Lutheran Church on Monroe Street. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park next to his dear Sophie. The family requests that any memorials be made to Glenwood Lutheran Church (2545 Monroe Street; Toledo, Ohio 43620) or Hospice of Northwest Ohio (800 South Detroit Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43609).

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Friends and Family,

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Michael Bokesch. As a young person I attended Glenwood Lutheran Church and I have many found memories of him. He was a hard working, stoic and kind man. Being of German and Hungarian decent myself I felt that Mr. Bokesch was a part of our family. He will be missed by all. May God give you comfort in your loss.

Love and Prayers,

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“ Dear Michael and Martin. I was checking the Blade obits to see if my step mother's had been published yet, and was stunned to see your dad's. What a wonderful person he was. I never see a Canna without thinking of him. He gave quite a number of them!! And I have two down quilts that your mom sold to me. (I think you boys had been out of the house for a time, and she wanted to get rid of them.) There are SO many thoughts flooding into my mind about you boys and your mom and dad. I vividly remember (as a teenager) coming to church and feeling safe and secure because Mike was there...taking care. He was a gentle, gentle man and I always loved him dearly, and will hold my memories of him even closer in my heart now that he is gone. My most sincere condolences to you boys and all you family. Brooke###imported-begin###BROOKE (BANDFIELD) TAYLOR stevetay3815@yahoo.com###imported-end###

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