



Louis 'Joe' E. Nelson

May 24, 1937 - April 9, 2010

RACINE - Louis 'Joe' E. Nelson, 72, passed away on Friday, April 9, 2010 at his residence with his family at his side. He was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on May 24, 1937, the son of Louis and Marjorie (nee: Coyne) Nelson. Joe served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1957. On April 27, 1957 he was united in marriage to Virginia Ross at St. Edwards Catholic Church. Joe owned and operated A-1 Roofing and had been a tavern owner for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia and their children; Joseph Nelson, Michael (JoAnn) Nelson, Matthew (Sharon) Nelson, Mark (Jeannine) Nelson and Joel Nelson; 9 grandchildren who will miss their 'Pa', Andrew, Mitchell, Jonathan, Matthew, Lauren, Adam, Liz, Nicholas and Katiann. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Robert Coyne and Richard Nelson; sister, Marjorie Thomas.

In keeping with Joe's wishes, private services have taken place.

Memorials to Wheaton Franciscan Health Care Hospice, 1320 Wisconsin Ave., Racine, WI 53403 have been suggested.

A special thank you to Wheaton Franciscan Health Care Hospice for the wonderful care given to Joe.