

Robert Ridgely

Obituary



ROBERT RIDGELY MERRILLVILLE, IN

Robert Ridgely, age 89 of Merrillville, passed away with loved ones by his side at St. Mary's Medical Center on January 23, 2011. He was a lifelong resident of Gary and Merrillville, IN. He was born on November 2, 1921 to Judge C.V. and Bessie Maguire Ridgely. He attended Holy Angels School and graduated from Horace Mann High School and [Indiana University](#) School of Business. He was employed by Calumet Securities Corp. for 43 years, having retired in 1994. A [World War II Army](#) veteran, Robert served as a medic with the 339th Combat Engineers in New Guinea and the Philippines for 3 1/2 years and post-war as a Lieutenant with the 113th Engineering Division of the National Guard. Robert is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Jane; children: Patrick (Sharon) Ridgely, MD of Minnetonka, MN; Timothy (Patty) Ridgely and grandsons: Michael Ridgely and Jamey Mulligan; step granddaughter, Tiffany Wentz; and step great-grandson Parker Wentz of Seattle, WA; Brian Ridgely of Raleigh, NC; Kathy Ridgely Beal and grandchildren: Andrew, Alexandra and Christopher Beal of Rowley, MA; sister, Margaret (late George) Ridgely Dalby; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Terrence Ridgely of Wales, United Kingdom; parents: Judge C.V and Bessie Ridgely; sisters: Mary (David) Ridgely Root and Helen (James) Ridgely Lauerman; brother, William (Alice) Ridgely. Robert was a beloved husband and devoted father who loved his family and church. He was a voracious reader and avid traveler. Always ready with a smile or a joke, Bob was known for his wonderful sense of humor, which brightened the lives of those around him. Robert was a member of St. Joan of Arc parish in Merrillville and previously was a member of St. Marks and SS. Peter and Paul parishes. While at SS. Peter & Paul, he was on the Parish Council and a member of the Andrean Foundation. Family and friends may call at **Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service**, 6360 Broadway, Merrillville on Wednesday from 3:00-7:00 P.M. with a prayer service at 4:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. from **Pruzin Brothers Chapel** and 10:00 A.M. from St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (200 E. 78th Ave., Merrillville) with Rev. Roy Beeching officiating. At rest Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. Donations may be made to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls at www.mercyhome.org or to a charity of your choice. He fought the fight, lived the faith, and will be dearly missed by many. Family and friends may share an online condolence or memory at: www.pruzinfuneralservice.com



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