



Joseph Robert Palko

February 4, 1925 - February 4, 2013

Joseph Robert Palko, 88, passed away peacefully of natural causes at his Harriman, Tenn., home Mon., Feb. 4, 2013.

Mr. Palko was a life-long resident of Harriman and World War II veteran. He returned to Harriman, married Peggy Weber, his loving wife of 59 years, and nurtured a beautiful family of five children on the family farm on Webster Pike. He has nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild due in July.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Julia Babinchak Palko; father, Andrew Palko Sr.; brothers Andrew Jr., Aloysius, Mike, Edward, Clement and Frank; and sisters Cecilia, Sister Mary Martin and Sister Mary Michael.

Mr. Palko is survived by his wife, Peggy; sons Steve, Mark, Lawrence and Paul; daughter Karen Palko Schulz; and brother Martin.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman with a Rosary at 8 PM. A requiem Mass will be held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Harriman at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Interment in Palko Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Building Fund, 535 Margrave Dr., Harriman, TN 37748

Tribute Wall

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Peggy and her family. I have fond memories of Jo and remember the way he served in blessed sacrament endlessly and tirelessly when I was growing up there. He was a fine example to me of what a Christian is supposed to do: serve God and others.*

Stacey Hutton-Kesterson - Morristown, TN - fellow parishoner - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle Joe. We will always have fond memories of our kind, soft spoken Uncle and the times we got to spend with him and his family on the farm. God bless Joe and his family.*
Pat Palko and Family

Patrick Palko - Melbourne, FL - Nephew - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Pop, as I call him, will be missed dearly. He welcomed me into his family with a loving hug and a kiss on the cheek and that is how he has greeted me for the last ten years. Pop, you will be missed.*

*Mom Peggy,
I love you and pray your strength during this time of sorrow.*

Gwen

Gwen Palko - Apex, NC - Daughter-in-law - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep all the Palkos in my prayers.

Richard Margrave - Ridgeway, VA - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I'm sorry I cannot attend the funeral - I am in the nursing home. My prayers are with you all.

Anthony J Malenovsky - Harriman , TN - Nephew - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Lord, I continually set before you,
My requests and all my needs
With thanksgiving I come unto you,
My concerns unburdened to thee

*I wait for your intervention, Lord,
In quietness of soul and mind
And worship at your footstool
Leaving my cares behind*

Bless this family today and always

Love you all

Demetrius R. Holder - Durham, NC - Friend of Lawrence and Gwen Palk -
February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I'm so sorry for your lose. You all are in our thoughts and prayer.
May God be with you in your time of need.

Mike Noonkester - Clayton, NC - friend - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family today and always.*

Lania Ferrante - Kingston, TN - Church - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Brian Graves - Albemarle, NC - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Growing up next to THE PALKO FARM I was taught to respect and love all the members of this great family.I was taught how to crochet at a early age by the Mother of all the "Palko BOYS and SISTERS". Loved going to thier house and smelling all the great breads and fresh veggies that she would be preparing for THE BOYS lunch after a morning of working on the farm.(and sometimes I would get to eat with them).I just always thought this family was something out of a fairy tale book and they were my heros. Did not know the sisters as well as the boys but I always remember their kindness and what gentlemen the boys were.. Loved those times and cherish the memories. Sadly to say with the passing of Joe there is only one remaining of these Little Emory Gentlemen. As each one has passed on I still miss seeing them,their smiles and out and about on the farm.Just want to Thank GOD for being the little neighbor girl that was a part of this Great family. RIP Joe. Will miss you.*

Eva Bullens and Jack - Harriman, TN - neighbor and friends - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *My sincere condolences to your family.*

Steve Todd - Nashville, TN - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our condolences to all the Palko family. We treasure many memories from over the years, especially at the recent weddings in Chicago and New York. It was touching to see Peggy and Joe left on the dance floor as the longest married couple in the bunch at the Feilers' wedding. A great example for all! My favorite memory of long ago was my first visit to the Palko dairy farm where Joe treated me to the best, fresh and foamy glass of milk I ever had before or since. He was a loving, gentle man whom we are blessed to have known.

Mary Grace and Vincent Sabol - Rockville, MD - Extended family - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM