



Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla

July 27, 1920 - December 25, 2014

Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla, 94, lifelong resident of Passaic, passed away Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2014. Matt was a Tool Designer for the Walter Kidde Company in Belleville for 23 years retiring in 1983. In his retirement, Matt enjoyed hiking, drawing, woodcarving, big band music, a glass of wine, and spending time with his family. He was a parishioner of Holy Rosary R.C. Church in Passaic, Eucharistic Minister, CCD Teacher, Member of the Guard of Honor, Troop Leader of Boy Scout Troop 8, and received the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award. and was awarded the Vivere Christus Award by the Diocese of Paterson in 2010. Matt was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in WW II aboard PT boats in the South West Pacific, was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre medal with 2 Bronze Stars, and American Theatre Purple Heart. and was a member of PT Boats, Inc., in Tennessee. Matt also volunteered as Historian at the Battleship Cove Maritime Museum in Fall River, Massachusetts. Matt also authored a book, "Under the Cover of Darkness", in which he describes his experiences on Navy PT boats. He was a member and Past Commander of the Wallington V.F.W. Pavlick Koster Post 2640. Matt was the beloved husband of the late Sophie (nee Sobczyk), devoted father of James M. Kudla, and his wife Laurie, of Marshall, VA., Steven Kudla, and his wife Liz, of Forest Hill, MD, Susan Di Gregorio, and her husband Eric, of Hillsdale, and Joan Santoianni, and her husband Jim, of Pittstown, loving grandfather of Matthew, Rachel, Daniel, Timothy, Noah, Sophia, Christopher, Kim, Stephen, James, Katherine, Matthew, Justin, and

great-grandchildren Stephen, Jr., Anna Marie, Cecelia, and Oliver, and dear brother of the late Josephine Kasica and Helen Kudla. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Battleship Cove Heritage Museum, 5 Water Street, Fall River, MA 82721, in memory of Matthew I. Kudla, would be appreciated. Donations should be made payable to Battleship Cove and marked "For PT Boat Exhibit"

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Cemetery

120 Saddle River Avenue
South Hackensack, NJ 07606

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Homes - Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057
(973) 779-1967

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DEC 29. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

DEC 30. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Holy Rosary R.C. Church, Passaic
6 Wall Street at 8th Street
Passaic, NJ 07055

Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla*

September 27, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dan - December 29, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla.*



December 29, 2014 at 09:39 AM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kamienski Funeral Homes, Inc. - December 29, 2014 at 09:14 AM



“ 59 files added to the album Photos



Anthony Pagano - December 29, 2014 at 08:59 AM



“ Jim & Carol Gilbert purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla.



Jim & Carol Gilbert - December 28, 2014 at 05:51 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Peter Kueken, Jr. - December 28, 2014 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla.



December 27, 2014 at 02:23 PM

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“ *Henry and Jenny Emig* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla.



Henry and Jenny Emig - December 27, 2014 at 06:50 AM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Matthew I. "Matt" Kudla.



December 26, 2014 at 07:17 PM