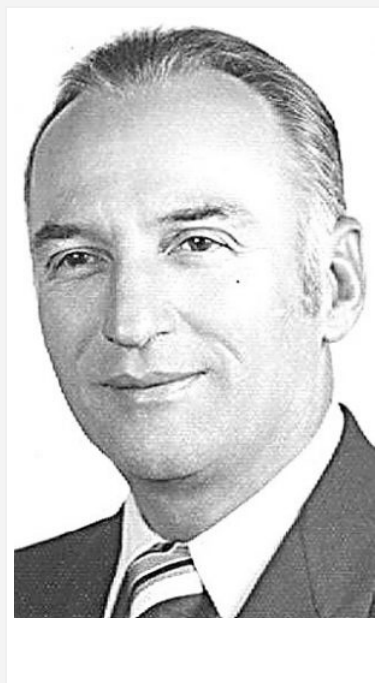# JOSEPH J. RZEPKA

LEXINGTON

OCTOBER 06, 2010

Joseph J. Rzepka, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, went home to the Lord on Wednesday, September 29, 2010.

Joseph's allegiances were to God, family, and country, and he lived his life in devoted service to these convictions. His passions led him to a career in the educational field, which included positions as physical education teacher, principal, and ultimately Superintendent of South Redford Schools.

Joe was most proud of his service in the Army Air Force during World War II in the European Theatre of Operations. Joe completed 65 missions as a gunner in an A-20 Havoc, participated in D-Day operations, and received a Purple Heart. After the war he attended Wayne State University, where he was a varsity athlete and a member of the mischievous Gashouse Gang. There he met Patricia working as a secretary on campus.

Joe and Pat were married in 1950, and raised their eight children in South

Redford, MI. In 1969 they purchased the A&W restaurant in Lexington and moved to the village that became their home. Joe became involved in local politics, joining numerous committees and service organizations, and served as Lexington's Village President for seven years. He greatly enjoyed the people that he met and worked with in Lexington.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia, and eight children; Janet, John, Joe (Catherine), Kathleen, Peggy (Steven) Stencel, Judy Gaw, Sue (Stephen) Bombard, and Patti (Cam) Comire; his nineteen grandchildren were the light of his life. He is survived also by his loving sister Bernice Zygiel of Lexington and one brother Louis (Jeanne) of Cortland, NY. Joe will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

A funeral service was held at the St. Denis Church in Lexington.

Interment was at the St. Denis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lexington Business Association.

Arrangements by Pomeroy Funeral Home, Croswell.

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