

Peter Smaracko

HACKETTSTOWN — Peter Smaracko, 76, died Sunday, July 13, at Hackettstown Community Hospital.

Born Jan. 6, 1921, in Allamuchy, he was a son of the late Harry and Ann Smereka. He resided his entire lifetime in the Hackettstown area.

He retired in 1983 after 17 years with the Hackettstown Road Department.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Assumption of Hackettstown where he served as an usher for many years.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in Europe during the Battle of the Bulge. He received a Purple Heart during World War II.

He was a member and past Grand Knight in 1973 of the Joyce Kilmer Council Knights of Columbus 2843 of Hackettstown; a member of the 4th Degree, Augustus J. Rampone Assembly 2450, Great Meadows; and the VFW Post 282 of Hackettstown.

He and his wife, the former Edna Wade, were married for 46 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Mazzola of Mendham and Helen Gallone of Morgan Hill, Calif.; two brothers, Joseph of Rahway and Andrew of Columbia; a sister, Mary Baytala of Toms River; and four granddaughters.

Three brothers, Max, Russell and Michael, and a sister, Frances Kolba, died earlier.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the church. Burial was in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows. The Scala Memorial Home, Hackettstown was in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorials to the Joyce Kilmer Council Knights of Columbus scholarship fund, Liberty Street, Hackettstown, N.J. 07840; or the American Cancer Society.

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