

## Franklin Edward Souls

Franklin Edward Souls, 69, of Panther Valley, died Saturday, June 18, 2005, in his home.

**Born:** March 19, 1936, in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Franklin Michael and Borgny Wilhelmina Winnan Souls.

**Personal:** He had moved to Hackettstown in 1968 and lived for the past 19 years in Panther Valley.

He was a graduate of Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Fordham University in the Bronx, N.Y., earning a bachelor's degree in English.

He had worked for AT&T in Basking Ridge, N.J., retiring after 34 years of service. While there, he had created an in-house temp agency, one of the first of its kind.

He was in the Army National Guard, 42nd Infantry Division.

**Memberships:** He was a member of the Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown, where he was an active choir member.

He was also a 3rd degree member and past Grand Knight of Joyce Kilmer Council Knights of Columbus Council #2483 in Hackettstown, he was a Eucharis-

tic minister, bringing communion to shut-ins, a volunteer for the Special Olympics, and a member and past faithful navigator of Augustus J. Rampone Assembly 4th degree Knights of Columbus.

**Survivors:** two sons, Stephen and his wife, Marianne Wolcott, of North Kingstown, R.I. and Douglas of Andover, N.J.; three daughters, Doreen Thorsen and her husband, Scott, of East Stroudsburg, Laurie Souls of Hackettstown and Jennifer Shields of Harleysville, Pa.; two brothers, George Souls of Yorktown Heights, N.Y. and John McGary of Rutland, Vt.; and eight grandchildren, Ashley, Rachel, Ryan, Devon, Jimmy, Jessica, Benjamin and Sadie.

**Services:** A Mass will be held 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Church of the Assumption, Hackettstown, conducted by Father David Pekola. Friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Scala Memorial Home, 124 High Street, Hackettstown, with Knights of Columbus to meet at 7:30 p.m. Interment will be in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows, N.J.

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