

# OBITUARY

## **Ilija Zaporozec**

Ilija Zaporzec, 87, of Strasburg, went to be with his Lord May 27, 2006, at the Village Vista Manor Home after a long illness.

He was born October 1, 1918 in Rostoky, Ukraine, the son of the late Omelan and Maria Onchurauk Zoporozec. Ilija fought in WWII as a partisan resistance fighter in the Ukraine and then with the French Free Forces under DeGaulle. Ilija and his wife, the late Helen (Olena Kcmyda), came to America in 1950 and lived for a short time in Jersey City, New Jersey. In 1952, they purchased a small farm in Great Meadows, New Jersey, and he started working at Ashland Chemical. In 1956, they moved to Hackettstown and Ilija worked for Triumph Machinery Co. He retired after 22 years and moved to Strasburg.

Ilija is survived by a son: Taras "Terry", married to Karen Zaporozec of Strasburg; and two grandchildren, Alex and Kelly. He was preceded in death by a son, Julius, who was killed in the Vietnam War in 1969.

Private services with interment in Hackettstown Cemetery, New Jersey. Bachman Funeral Home, Strasburg, PA.

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