

Charles A. Peterson Sr. of Roselle Prayers for Charles A. Peterson Sr. will begin 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, at the Countryside Funeral Home, 333 S. Roselle Road (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Road), Roselle, and proceed to St. Walter Catholic Church, for Mass at 10 a.m. Interment will be in St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home. Born Oct. 5, 1928, in Oak Park, he passed away Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at Manor Care, Elk Grove Village, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Charles was a graduate of St. Genevieve Grade School, Foreman High School and the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana College of Commerce. He was a veteran of the Army Signal Corps during the Korean Conflict. He was a 33-year employee and retiree of Western Electric Hawthorne plant, and was chosen to spend 21 months in the Arctic as part of the government's post war security project constructing the DEW (Distant Early Warning System) around the Arctic Circle. He was a 50-year active member of St. Walter Parish, Roselle, having served as school board president, fundraiser volunteer, Cursillo, and 50-year church usher. In 1988, he and his wife founded the Elk Grove/Schaumburg chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and volunteered his time to provide recreation for clients receiving mental health services. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Susanne Peterson; sons, Andrew (Debra) of Atlanta, Daniel of Roselle, Charles of Aurora and Patrick (Anna) of Versailles, Ky.; and grandchildren, Kitt, Kinsey and Katieanne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Margaret; and a sister, Lois Smith. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to NARSAD (the World's Leading Charity Dedicated to Mental Illness Research), 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 404, Great Neck, NY 11021 or the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631-3473. For information, 630-529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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