



Joseph L. Hurley

June 16, 1931 – June 27, 2011

(From Pivont Funeral Home June 2011)

Joseph L. Hurley, Jr. 80 of 495 Stokes Drive, Hinton passed away on Monday June 27, 2011 at the Beckley VA Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on June 16, 1931 on Irish Mountain, Raleigh County, he was the son of the late Joseph Leo and Mary Katherine Gwinn Hurley.

Joe was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served with the 43 communication squadron in Japan during the Korean War, 1950-1954. He was previously employed by the Convention & Visitors Bureau at Sandstone, West Virginia, where he enjoyed sharing the beauty of West Virginia and its' people to visitors from around the globe. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hinton and was particularly proud of his Irish heritage.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Jo Hurley Pitzer and husband Tommy of Hinton. Three loving granddaughters, Kennedy, Macy and Karigan, all of Hinton. One brother, Thomas E. Hurley and wife Rebecca of Beckley.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday June 30, 2011 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hinton with Father Tom Dagle as celebrant. Rite of Committal with military honors will follow in St. Colman's Catholic Church Cemetery, where he will be returned to his beloved home on Irish Mountain. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until time of procession to St. Patrick on Thursday at Pivont Funeral Home in Hinton.

Pallbearers include special family and friends, Tommy Pitzer, Steve Tassos, Art Sanda, Lee Pivont, James "Jimmy" Dillon and Terry Elkins.
Honorary pallbearers will be; Thomas Hurley, Andy Trearty, Ray Fitzgerald, David Ballard, Danny Gillian, Steve Scott, Demetrius Tassos and Miller Murrell.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to the Beckley VA Medical Center, 200 Veterans Ave. Beckley, WV 25801.