



Charles Edward Mahalick

June 23, 1920 - March 1, 2015

Charles Edward Mahalick, age 94, of Marion, IL, passed away at 9:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2015, in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, IL.

He was born in West Frankfort, IL on Wednesday, June 23, 1920, the son of John H. and Mary A. (Sandrock) Mahalick.

He attended school in West Frankfort and was a graduate of West Frankfort High School in 1939.

Charles enrolled into the Civilian Conservation Corps, at the age of nineteen on April 11, 1940, and served until he was honorably discharged on July, 19, 1941.

He again answered the call of this nation on October 26, 1942, by serving in the United States Army in Company B 44th Tank Battalion during the time of WW II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater being stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines. After his period of faithful service he was honorably discharged on November 5, 1945, with the rank of Technician Fifth Grade.

Charles was united in marriage to Carol Bury on Sunday, July 6, 1947, in Chicago, IL and together they have enjoyed over sixty-seven years of marriage.

His working career was with the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company of Chicago, IL as a welder for thirty-five years until his retirement.

After his retirement he moved to Herrin, IL and later to Marion.

He is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Marion, IL and also a member of American Legion Post No. 1961 of Orient, IL.

In his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing, making jewelry, dancing and was known as a cartoonist artist.

His family was a very important part of his life and the many memories that have been created will now be cherished by those left behind.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Mahalick of Marion, IL; three nieces, Barbara Reibold and her husband, Ed of Dunwoody, GA, Stephanie Koller and her husband, Robert of Arlington Heights, IL, and Dorothy Polzin and her husband, James of Downers Grove, IL, two great nieces, two great nephews, four great-great nieces and two great-great nephews, other extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John.

Arrangements for Charles Edward Mahalick were entrusted to Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 N. Court St., Marion, IL.

The time of the visitation for family and friends was from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at the funeral home.

Following the time of visitation the funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Monsignor Thomas Flach presiding.

The prelude and postlude musical selections were presented by pianist, Lori Creamer. Special instrumental musical selection presented during the service was "Ava Maria" by pianist, Lori Creamer.

Military honors were accorded at the funeral home by Orient, IL American Legion Post No. 1961 member, Howard Johnson and the Marion, IL Illinois Army National Guard Funeral Honors Burial Detail members, SPC Justin Sheffler and SPC William Ott.

During the folding of the flag the recorded instrumental musical selection, "America, The Beautiful" was presented.

Presentation of the folded flag to Charles' wife, Carol was by SPC Justin Sheffler.

Interment was at a later date in Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL.

For those who preferred, memorial contributions were made to the "American Legion Post No. 1961 of Orient, IL" and mailed in care of Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, P.O. Box 370, Marion, IL 62959. Memorial envelopes were available at the funeral home.

For additional information please contact the funeral home by calling 618-993-2131.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home
900 N. Court St., Marion, IL, US, 62959

MAR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Carol, Please accept Pete's and my sympathy. We had wondered where you were and were shocked to learn of Charles's passing. Prayers for you strength and good health. We always enjoyed our visits with each of you on our encounters.
The Petersons

Yolonde B. Peterson - March 11, 2015 at 09:11 PM



“ I am sooo very sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. He and his wife, Carol, were good friends with my parents, Zeig and Margaret Guminski. Charlie was a very nice man, who always had a smile and a story to tell. My deepest sympathy to Carol and his family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cathy Guminski Wilson
West Frankfort, IL

Cathy Guminski Wilson - March 06, 2015 at 12:56 AM



“ I met Charles when he came into the bank where I was employed. He shared his experience of being a cartoonist for the Stars & Stripes when he was in the service. He was always pleasant and cheery. I later realized he attended St Joseph's which is where I belong also. A fine man, he will be missed. My sympathy to his wife Carol, and his family.

Kathleen French - March 04, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“ I am the Advisor of a student organization at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the Beautify Southern Illinois Student Alliance (BSISA). Last fall, BSISA sponsored a pizza dinner on campus entitled: “Historical Reminiscences of Charles Mahalick: History from the Mouth of a Civilian Conservation Corps Worker!” The event was attended by students, faculty, staff, managers from local public lands and community members. Charlie's reminiscences from his days with the CCC and World War II kept the audience on the edge of their seats. Even after his presentation, many attendees huddled around him for the opportunity to personally meet him and ask even more questions. His presentation was a huge hit and I am very happy we had the opportunity to honor him.

I also had the pleasure of being Charlie's neighbor for the past 15 years or so. He was a terrific neighbor... his landscape work put the rest of the neighborhood to shame and he and Carol did it all themselves!

My thoughts and prayers are with Carol and Charlie's family at this difficult time. He will be greatly missed!

Paul Restivo
Marion, IL

Paul Restivo - March 04, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ Dave McReynolds lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Mahalick



Dave McReynolds - March 03, 2015 at 03:05 PM