

Mukwonago Chief

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Rath John E  
7-22-1921 - 3-28-2001

## obituaries

Mukwonago Chief, March 28, 2001.

### John E. Rath

John E. Rath of Mukwonago passed away on Tuesday, March 20, at his residence. He was 79 years old.

Rath was born in Eagle on July 22, 1921 to Emil and Mary (nee Carley) Rath. He was a 1941 graduate of Mukwonago High School. In 1944, he joined the U.S. Army and served during World War II. On October 23, 1946, he married Virginia F. Dailey at St. James Catholic Church in Mukwonago. Rath owned and operated John Rath Masonry in Mukwonago for many years. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Mukwonago, the Knights of Columbus in Mukwonago and the American Legion Post #375 in Mukwonago. John also coached CAA Little League and loved to fish, play bingo and the slots, and collect stamps and Native American artifacts. His family were pioneers and settlers of Mukwonago in 1839.

Survivors include his wife Virginia "Jim"; his children, Karen (Edwin) Gale of Mukwonago, Patricia (Michael) DeMares of Waukesha, Margaret (Ernest) Perkins of Grand Marsh, Daniel (Sherry) of Mauston, Kurt (Donna) of Mukwonago, Carrie Kuranda of Mukwonago and Jennifer of Mukwonago; his special cousin Carl Rath of Mukwonago, his special friend Fran Vershowske of East Troy, 13 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two granddaughters, Andrea and Christina Gale, a son-in-law Stan Kuranda and his father and mother-in-law Lowell and Dolly Dailey.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 23 at the Schmidt & Bartelt - Van Valin Funeral Home, Mukwonago. Fr. Robert J. Drutowski officiated. Cremation followed with his ashes being buried at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, East Troy.