## Hank KOMOSINSKI, 1922 - 2007

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Henry KOMOSINSKI was the youngest of six children born to Dominic and Mary KOMOSINSKI in Watertown, CT, on November 11, 1922. His parents immigrated from Poland in the early 1900s.

Henry joined the U.S. Army before the start of WW II and served as a military policeman guarding the Panama Canal. He also served as Eleanor Roosevelt's personal driver for a short time. Upon returning from Army service Henry became an Auxiliary New York State Policeman and truck driver for the Liquor Board of New York State. He met his wife of 47 years, Ruth, and married her in Yonkers, NY in 1948. They were blessed with a daughter, **Cherylann**, five years later.

In 1955, Henry moved his family west to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where Ruth's parents were living. A son, **Jay**, joined the family four years later. He worked in Idaho and Washington for General Telephone Company and helped change Idaho's telephone system from wall cranks to rotary dial phones while adding new poles and lines. He left GTE nine years later and became a local insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He served the citizens of Coeur d'Alene for several years as a City Councilman and sat on both fire and police commissions.

He was very actively involved in the Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts, volunteering many hours of his time leading and counseling the local youth. He was the advisor of Explorer Post 222 for many years which provided search and rescue, crowd and traffic control services to the city of Coeur d'Alene. Henry was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in downtown Coeur d'Alene serving in many official capacities, most notably as treasurer, and he was an active member of Toastmasters and the Hyromaniacs.

A longtime member of the Catholic community, Henry was involved with both St. Thomas and St. Pius parishes. Henry stayed active in his senior years working as a contract U.S. Mail Carrier, golfing as often as he could with special friend Connie Smith, and sharing many good times with his friends at Leisure Park and the Owl Café.

Henry died peaceably Tuesday after a short battle with cancer. A viewing will be held Friday, July 27, 2007 Noon to7 PM at ENGLISH FUNERAL CHAPEL, COEUR D'ALENE, ID. Vigil will be 7 PM Friday, July 27, 2007 at English Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass Saturday, July 28, 2007 at 10 AM at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 625 W. Haycraft, Coeur d'Alene, ID. A luncheon will follow the funeral mass at the church. Please sign Henry's guest registry and view online memorial at <u>link above</u>

(Additional information) : Henry KOMOSINSKI was born in Watertown CT to Domonic and Helen (ADAMSKI) KOMOSINSKI, the youngest of six children (Mary, Stanley, Frank, Veronica, Felix). In 1920, the family lived on New Haven Rd in Naugatuck CT. In 1930, the family lived at 18 Garfield St, Yonkers NY. Hank enlisted in the Army on 25 Apr 1941 at NYC for Panama Canal/Ordnance Dept.