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Ronald G. Powers, 64

Oct. 17, 1937 - May 25, 2002

WOOD DALE, IL – Ronald G. Powers was born Oct. 17, 1937, to Gene and Bernita (Herbst) Powers at the home of his grandmother, Margaret Herbst, in Panama, where he was baptized at St. Mary's Church, started grade school and made his first Holy Communion. In June 1944, his family moved to Waterloo, where he finished grade school at St. Joseph's. He went to high school at West High and graduated in June of 1955. In July 1955 he entered the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge in October 1958.

March 2, 1957, he married Cecilia Pinkowski, daughter of Robert and Stella Pinkowski of Chicago, IL, at St. Casimir Catholic Church. He started employment at Commonwealth Edison in 1958, and retired as District Service Supervisor in 1992. He died at St. Alexion Hospital May 25, 2002, of complications after open heart surgery.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gene Powers, in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Cecilia Powers of Wood Dale, IL; a daughter, Lynn (Robert) Ruehrdanz; two sons, Michael and Robert Powers; grandchildren, Kevin, David and Alex Ruehrdanz of Wood Dale; and his mother, Bernita Powers of Harlan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Wood Dale with the Rev. William Mayer officiating. Burial was at Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Honorary casket bearer was Alex Ruehrdanz. Casket bearers were Kevin Ruehrdanz, David Ruehrdanz, Richard Herkenrath, Richard McLaughlin, Ed Pinkowksi and Dan Arrigoni. Geils Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

