



Albert Balaska

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Albert 'Silk' Balaska, 84, of Lakeland, Florida died Sunday, September 21, 2008 in Sewickley Valley Hospital. A son of the late John and Mary Brazack Balaska, he was born in Belle Vernon on October 2, 1923. A former member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Charleroi, he had resided in Florida since 1980. Formerly of Belle Vernon, he had been a co-owner of Balaska's Bar. Albert retired from Envisors Engineering of Winterhaven, Florida and was a World War II veteran. Survivors include his wife, Santa Altomari Balaska, one daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Jerry Chrzaszcz of Richmond, VA, two sons and one daughter-in-law, Terence Ferrara of Swansea, MA and Henry and Pamela Ferrara of Nahant, MA, one sister, Helen Zofko of Warren, OH and five grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert A., Kenneth and John Balaska. Graveside services will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery on Friday at 10:00 A.M. The Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com, 724-929-5300, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon is handling arrangements.