



## Walter S. Cwiakala

January 2, 1932 - January 20, 2009

Walter S. 'Sonny' Cwiakala, 77, of Belle Vernon, died Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in Meadowcrest Nursing Home, Bethel Park. A son of the late Walter and Elizabeth Ruthovsky Cwiakala, he was born in Monessen on January 2, 1932. He was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church of Belle Vernon and the former Holy Spirit Church in Fayette City. Formerly of Monessen, Sonny had resided in Belle Vernon for the past 34 years, was a U.S. Army veteran and retired in 1993 from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company. Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Nancy Shaffer DeSimone Cwiakala, three daughters and two sons-in-law, Susan and Frank Szczerva of West Chester, Vicky DeSimone, and her friend, Reggie Sepesy, of Monessen and Patty and Tim Byrne of Belle Vernon, one sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Richard Travalena of Perryopolis, four grandchildren, Staci and Frankie Szczerva and Jessica and Joe Cervantes Jr., a close cousin, Gloria Snyder, and husband George, of Monessen and his loving pet, Buddy. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Thursday in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon (724-929-5300), [www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com). A blessing service will be in the funeral home Friday at 9:30 A.M. followed by a funeral mass at 10 A.M. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church with Rev. Lawrence Manchas, VF, as celebrant. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The rosary will be prayed in the funeral home on Thursday at 3 P.M. led by members of St. Sebastian Parish.