



George John Venious

June 30, 1922 - August 10, 2011

George J. Venious formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan died Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at his home surrounded by family and friends in Novi, Michigan. He was born June 30, 1922 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to John G. Venios and Anna (Poulakis) Venios. George graduated from the Algonquin McKinley School 8th grade in 1936 and Sault High School in Sault Ste. Marie in 1940. He entered the US Army in December of 1942 and met his future wife, Frances (Fanny) N. Kakogiannis, while he was in training for the US Army Signal Corps in 1943 in Kansas City, Missouri. George served as radar technician with Company B of the 583rd Signal Air Warning Battalion, participating in World War II campaigns in the South Pacific islands of New Guinea and the Philippines liberation. He was honorably discharged from the Army in December of 1945. He married Frances in Kansas City on March 3, 1946. They made their home in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan where they lived on South Street above the former location of Venious Grocery. In 1963, with the family grocery business in decline following the closure of the Northwestern Leather Company (tannery) in Algonquin, George started Associated Accounting with his wife, Frances, a business which grew and thrived as they served many small businesses and individual taxpayers throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan until their retirement in 2006. George was an active member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Sault Ste. Marie where he served as an officer for many years. He was also a life member of the Sault Post# 3676 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. George

is survived by his brother, Paul Venious of Sault Ste. Marie, daughter Patricia (Doug) Seward of Springfield, Virginia, son John (Cheryl) Venious of New Hudson, Michigan, and three grandchildren, Jody, Nichole and George Venious. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Frances who passed away in 2010, his parents, John and Anna Venios, and two sisters who died in infancy. Visitation will be held at the C. S. Mulder Funeral Home, 4951 South M-129 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Monday, August 15, 2011 from 5 to 9 pm. A trisagion service will be held that evening starting at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church with Father Ciprian Streza of Traverse City officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions in George's name be made to either St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 511 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783 or the Sault Theatre Project at 534 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783.