



Felix Godzwon

August 20, 1918 - November 10, 2008

Felix Godzwon, 90, of The Valley in Syracuse, New York, died Monday, November 10, 2008 at Loretto in Syracuse. A life resident of Syracuse, New York, he was the son of the late Peter and Marianna (Kowalski) Godzwon. He was a graduate of Vocational High School. He was an Army Veteran of World War II and the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. He retired as a foreman from General Motors after 36 years of service. Felix was an excellent golfer with a one handicap. He was a member of Orchard Vali Golf League and American Legion Valley Post 1468. He loved to garden and he grew all kinds of vegetables and flowers.

Felix is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris McElroy Godzwon; one daughter, MaryBeth Walsh of Syracuse, New York; one son, Thomas Michael Godzwon of Syracuse, New York; two sisters, Virginia O'Neil of Arizona and Isabelle Rommes of Syracuse, New York; five grandchildren, Gregory and Christopher Godzwon of Syracuse, New York, Jennifer (Dan) Godzwon-Erno of Albany, New York, Jason (Jill) Walsh of Boise, Idaho and Melissa (Sebastian) Greene of Raleigh, North Carolina; two great-granddaughters, Elizabeth Rose and Emma Catherine Erno both of Albany, New York; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three brothers, Stanley, Sigmund and John.

The family would like to express our thanks for the wonderful care given to

Felix by the End of Life Team at Loretto.

Services: Friday, November 14, 2008, 11:30 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York and 12:00 p.m. in St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Burial: Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 4069 Howlett Hill Road, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Thursday, November 13, 2008, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm not sure if I ever met Felix during my many trips to Syracuse, but I remember Zig and Jo Godzwon (my grandparents) talking about him fondly. Sorry to learn of his passing.

November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My Father-In-Law was a wonderful man. He was a part of my life for 40 years. When Tom and I were expecting our first born Gregory, he was so sweet. He would get down and tie my boots for me to help out. After dinners at their house, he always got up and started cleaning up and doing the dishes. He will not be forgotten. There are so many memories of him, such as his walks he took. He loved playing golf and gardening too. He will hold a special place in my heart forever.

November 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Uncle Felix being an avid gardener. I especially remember the vegetable gardens. Also, I remember that he used to go and harvest potatoes up north and he would always get the fresh turkey for our beloved Thanksgivings. Those are great memories. Our love and prayers are with you - Love, Cheryl, Katie and Patrick

November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Felix's passing. We met Felix at Loretto after our Dad (John) became a resident. Felix was a tablemate of Dad's in the diningroom. He was always pleasant and friendly and he will be missed by our family.

November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ His nickname for me... "Dolly" and "World-Traveler". How he used to slip me a bill here and there. Walking with him to the ballfields behind the library. Going for ice cream. Visiting the duck pond. Grandpa chasing Muffin when she got out when my parents were at the hospital for Chris's birth. How he sliced carrots for Christmas Eve dinner. Breaking of the bread again at Christmas Eve dinner. How he always took our coats and hung them in the closet when we'd come to visit. How little Elizabeth looked in his arms when she was a baby. How he tried so hard to teach me how to play tennis and I was just awful at it. How I felt so safe as a child when he drove us around. The smell of his pipe--to this day I love that smell. How he suddenly talked a mile a minute when Chris's German friend went with us for a visit. He even spoke some German with him! How frustrated Grandma got with him when he purposely turned his hearing aide down to ignore her; I secretly thought that was funny. How he was never without a book. How warm his hand was last Friday when I sat with him. Although he was in a coma--his grip was so strong as was his pulse. But the warm of his hand is the memory that will be the most vivid and lasting one for me.

November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to extend my sympathy to Doris and all of Felix's family...Felix was a great neighbor and friend and will be missed by many...Im sorry that I am unable to be there for the calling hours and funeral...Millie

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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“ I have so many memories of my grandpa. I used to love when he would shake my hand and call me ""butch"" and always comment on how tall I was getting everytime I'd see him. Also, I had a german exchange student that lived with me back in 2002. I brought him to see my grandparents and all of a suddent grandpa started talking german with him..haha. I was amazed because I had never known he knew german. I also loved the smell of his pipe and to this day I always think of that when I am around smoke. He was an amazing man and I wish I had more time to hear all of his stories, he lived a wonderful life and I am grateful to have been his grandson.

November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sad to hear of Uncle Felix's passing. I will always remember him calling me ""Dolly"", the smelll of his pipe and his love of reading - all those stacks of books. He's at peace now.

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