

HAFFELY, Raymond J., 84, passed away peacefully at home on November 1, 2007 surrounded by his nephews and nieces. His wife, Lorraine preceded him in death in June 1988. Born at home in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 26, 1923, he was one of three children. Brother Don, 86, sister, Margaret, 73, his father, Frank and mother, Crescens, preceded Raymond in death. Brother, Francis, 81, is the last living family member. Raymond was raised in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated from Mechanics Art high school in 1941. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps in a B-29 bomber group from 1943 to 1946 and he was honorably discharged from the service as a Corporal. He worked for the E. L. Klingel Company as a telephone and switchboard technician from 1946-1954. In 1954 he joined the Northern Pacific Railroad as an electronic specialist. He became a supervisor when the company was absorbed as part of the Burlington-Northern Railroad. He retired in 1985 after serving 30 years with the company. Raymond enjoyed spending time on the golf course playing with his friends, old buddies and relaxing at his summer haunt at Path Finder Village in Hinckley, Minnesota, and always returning to his home in Tucson, Arizona for the winter. He was an expert crossword puzzle worker. Raymond enjoyed spending time with his nephews and nieces in Arizona and Minnesota and always made time for them. He was a member of the American Legion Post #106 (Minnesota) and had served in several post leadership positions. He was proud of his military service during WW II and he carried that pride as an active member of the legion. He was one of the chief cooks at the Parkway Vista mobile home park in Tucson for their monthly parties. He will be greatly missed by nephews, Ed Slechta, James Roeller; and his nieces Rosa Slechta, Mary Roeller, DeDe Ann (Slechta) Darnell, Karin Annmarie (Slechta) Rodriguez, Sidney Darnell, Trevor Darnell, Sebastian Rodriguez, and Rita Jo Francis. A visitation will be held at **ADAIR FUNERAL HOMES, Avalon Chapel**, 8090 N. Northern Avenue from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2007, with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N. Shannon Rd., Tucson, Arizona at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007. Raymond will be interred at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota at 11:00 a.m. on November 9, 2007. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for helping of the homeless children.

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