



Carmello John Benassi

June 4, 1926 - January 23, 2011

Carmello John Benassi Sr., 84, of Frankfort, died Jan. 23, 2011, in Scottsville, KY.

The Frankfort native was a graduate of Good Shepherd High, Xavier University of Cincinnati, OH and a World War II Army Veteran of the 100th Infantry Division. He was wounded in Germany, as a result, a recipient of Purple Heart and Bronze Star. After graduation, he was employed with the KY State Commerce Department. Upon the death of his father in 1951, he became owner & proprietor of Putt's Restaurant until his retirement in 1984. Carmello served as magistrate of the 2nd district, Franklin Circuit Court for 24 years dating from 1974-1998. After the closing of the KY State Training Home & School, he became a mentor and employer of the mentally challenged, volunteering his time and feeding many in need. He was a member of Good Shepherd Church, Knights of Columbus, Life Member of the Elks Club, & Juniper Hills Men's Golf Association. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Jeannie, and enjoyed life to the fullest. He was the son of the late Cleofe & Constantine "Putt" Benassi and the husband of the late Millie Jean Thompson Benassi. A brother, Geno Benassi, preceded him in death.

Funeral Mass is 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Good Shepherd Church, with burial in the Frankfort Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Howell will officiate. Visitation is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Good Shepherd Church.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Good Shepherd Church or St Vincent DePaul.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Benassi, of San Francisco, CA, Marla Pendleton and her husband, "Hondo" of Bowling Green; a son, Carmello Benassi Jr. and his wife Melony of Frankfort; two sisters, Connie Lagen, of Bowling Green, and Betty Updike, of Frankfort; two grandchildren, Trapper Pendleton and his wife Mallory, Clay Pendleton and his wife Rachel; and one great-grandchild, Charlotte all of Bowling Green.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carmello John Benassi*

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“ *Carmello Jr. I was so sorry to read of your Fathers passing. He was a great man and had a long colorful life.
Carmello I can't be with you today, but know that my heart and my prayers are with you. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. W.D.*

W.D. PARKER - January 29, 2011 at 11:10 AM