



## William J. Knara

June 19, 1922 - July 27, 2015

William J. "Bill" Knara, 93, of Sugar Grove, IL, passed away Monday, July 27, 2015 at Seasons Hospice of Naperville. He was born June 19, 1922 in Aurora, IL to Ladislav and Elizabeth (Wagner) Knara. He was united in marriage to Dorothy K. Windisch on June 21, 1947, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Aurora, IL. They enjoyed sixty-eight years together, raising their five daughters and then traveling, fishing, playing golf, and enjoying their retirement years wintering in Florida and Arizona.

Bill was a member of Holy Angels Church. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of WWII, having served four years in the European Theater with the 8th Air Force. He was a Life Member of Montgomery VFW post 7452. He was a member of Moose Lodge 400.

Bill worked for forty years in Corporate Management at Lyon Metal Products in Montgomery, IL and the Los Angeles, CA area where he managed that plant. He served as vice president of Valley Industrial Association of Safety Managers. His greatest joy in life was his wife and family and maintaining the genealogy history of the Nickels, Knara and Windisch family trees.

Survivors include his loving wife Dorothy Knara; five daughters, Susan (Richard) Koeritz, Joan Konen, Deborah Knara, Karen Knara, Kristine (Stephen) Discianno; twelve grandchildren, Eric (Lydia) and Steven (Jamie)

Koeritz, Jennifer, Brigitte and Brian Konen, Ryan, Matthew and Tyler Hawbecker, Megan Ruele-Knara, Katie, Thomas and Molly Discianno; his sister, Dorothy Wolters; many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Ruth and Catherine and two brothers, Robert and Charles.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 31, 2015 at Holy Angels Church at 10:00 AM. Fr. James Canova will officiate with interment to follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In State visitation will be held Friday, July 31, 2015 from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM at Holy Angels Church, 720 Hardin Ave., Aurora, IL 60506. Arrangements are being handles by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL. 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Bill's family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to Holy Angels Church or to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Previous Events

## In State

JUL 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church  
120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

## Funeral Mass

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

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120 South Lancaster Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60506

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the Knara family...I am a cousin on the Wagner side (William's mother Libbie's family) and am also a family genealogist like he was. It sounds like William was a great man and I'm sorry I am not familiar with more of the many Wagner cousins. My sympathies to you.*

*Candace Marx*

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**Candace Marx** - July 30, 2015 at 09:42 PM

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“ *For many years of knowing Susan Knara Koeritz I have heard about and known Bill her father. He was a strong willed and loving father who adored his wife and daughters. May he rest in peace now and his wife and daughters can share all the good times they had with their dad/ husband Bill. My sympathy to the family and his wife.*  
*Jeanne Meyers*

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**Jeanne Meyers** - July 29, 2015 at 10:20 AM