

WILLIAM J. NIEMEYER 1981

William J. Niemeyer, 60, Rockford, was dead on arrival at Freeport Memorial Hospital on Friday, Jan. 9, of a heart attack suffered in Stockton while visiting relatives.

B I S E N I U S

He was born on Nov. 29, 1920, in Stockton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Niemeyer. He married Mariem Pritz of Savannah, Ga., in May 1944.

He lived 40 years in Rockford. He was employed by Lundstrom-Peterson Paint Co. for 3 years and by Valspar Corp. for 20 years before that. A veteran of World War II, he served in the 69th Infantry Division. He was a member of St. Rita's Catholic Church; past president of St. Rita's Holy Name Society; a member of Rockford Diocesan Choral; past Grand Knight of St. Catherine Council Knights of Columbus, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Grand Knight of St. Rita's Council No. 7624, Knights of Columbus. He was a 1938 graduate of Stockton High School.

Survivors include his wife, Mariem Pritz Niemeyer; a daughter, Martha, at home; his mother, Josephine Niemeyer, Stockton; two brothers, Charles Niemeyer, Elizabeth, and Norman Niemeyer, Stockton; a sister, Mrs. Sue Brunner, Stockton; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held on Jan. 13 at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Cherry Valley. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.