

Raymond J. Gase, 92, of Palatka, died Sunday, March 20, 2003 at his home following an extended illness.

A native of Decatur, Ind., he had resided in Palatka since 1974, coming from Kaplan, La. He had retired as a purchasing agent with Wayne Knitting Mills in Fort Wayne, Ind., after 42 years of service.

He was also a member of St. Monica Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic minister. He was likewise a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years: Lucy Gase; two sons and daughters-in-law: Herbert and Judy Gase, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Jim and Tracy Gase, Oviedo; two daughters and sons-in-law: Eileen and Tom Fortener, Brevard, N.C.; Sue and Ted Miller, Tallahassee; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Priest for Life, P.O. Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314 or to Hospice of the Lakes, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka FL 32177.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 at Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home of Palatka with a vigil service to be held at 7 p.m.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2 at St. Monica Catholic Church in Palatka with Father Joseph Finlay officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 4 at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Decatur, Ind., under the direction of Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of local services.

**Online obit - name & date of newspaper not given**