



Fred R. Isch, 81, passed away early Tuesday morning, July 1, 2014, at Adams Evergreen.

He was born Aug. 5, 1932, in Adams County to the late Ralph S. Isch and Opal L. (Walters) Isch Lillich.

Fred married Nola Grandstaff on June 7, 1953; she preceded him in death on April 12, 2009.

Fred was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. He was a 1950 graduate of Decatur High School. He served in United States Army during the Korean War.

Fred served on the North Adams School Board from 1968-75, where he was influential in the consolidation of local schools to create Belmont High School. He also served as a Decatur city councilman. He was the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award and also received the Stephen Decatur award.

Fred served as a five-term mayor for the city of Decatur. Prior to that he had worked for 30 years at the Decatur Daily Democrat and also served as a police officer.

Fred loved his community and said the highlight of his long political career was serving the people of Decatur.

Surviving are a son, Tony (Ann) Isch of Decatur; a daughter, Lisa (Tony) Inskeep of Decatur; three brothers, Hubert (Roberta) Isch and Larry Isch, both of Decatur and Dave (Sue) Isch of Florida; a step-brother, Fred "Bud" (Jeanne) Lillich of Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Lois Isch and Mary (Bob) Strickler, both of Decatur; and five grandchildren, Andy (Jenna) Isch; Logan and Noah Isch; and Chloe and Jordyn Inskeep.

Preceding Fred in death was a granddaughter, Katie Ann Inskeep; and a brother, John Isch.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, with Father David Voors and Father Patrick Joseph officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

Friends may call from 12-6 p.m. Friday at Haggard-Sefton and Hirschy Funeral Home, with reciting of the Holy Rosary at 6 p.m. Visitation will also be held Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Building On Our Heritage or ACCF Stellar Community Fund.

Online condolences may be made at www.hshfuneralhome.com.

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