

**Francis J. Groff**

Born: June 13, 1918

Died: April 27, 2012

Location: North Star, Ohio



Hogenkamp Funeral Home

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**Mass of Christian Burial**

Wednesday, May 02

10:30 AM

St. Louis Catholic Church

North Star, OH

**Visitation**

Tuesday, May 01

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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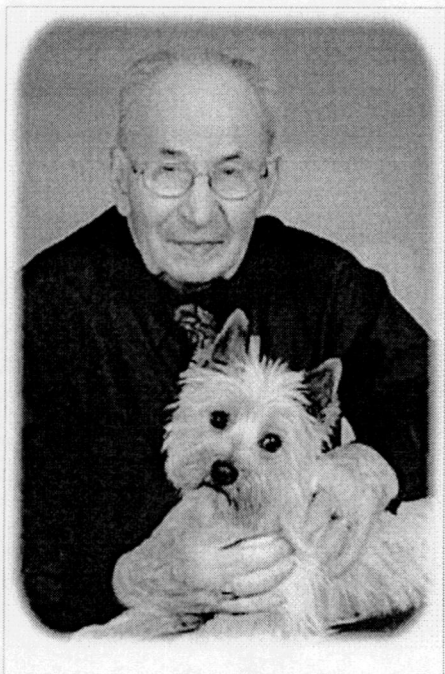
**Visitation**

Wednesday, May 02

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

St. Louis Catholic Church

North Star, OH

**Tribute & Message From The Family**

Francis J. Groff was born on June 13, 1918

and went to his eternal rest on Friday,

April 27, 2012. He was born in North Star,

Ohio to Emmanuel &amp; Ella (Mangen) Groff.

He resided the last several years of his life

with his daughter, Theresa, in Kettering, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie (Knapke) Groff, parents, five brothers, Paul, Val, Dick, Lloyd & Joe Groff, and two sisters, Mary Catherine Barga and Florine Schmitz.

He is survived by his daughter, Theresa Groff (Terry Smith) of Kettering, Ohio, a son, Tim (Cheryl) Groff of Englewood, Ohio, grandchildren, Ryan (Courtney) Hart, Joel (Lauren) Hart and Alexandra Hart, great-grandchildren, Jackson and Lyla Hart, sisters, Dorothy Hemmelgarn of St. Henry, Ohio, Marcy (Bob) Hare of Troy, Ohio, Virginia (Bill) May of West Carrollton, Ohio and Helen (Jim) Russ of Somerset, New Jersey, numerous nieces and nephews and his special four legged grandkids, Chyenne, Montana and Lula.

Francis was employed at "The Cash", NCR Co. for 30 years, making that long drive daily to Dayton. Upon "retirement", he went to work at the Elks Golf

Course near Celina, Ohio. In the 1950's, along with Marie, they owned and operated Groff's Groceries in North Star.

He was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church, North Star, and the North Star American Legion. He loved to do woodworking and spent many hours making his windmill, candle holders and religious items. Back in the day, he bowled and golfed, always hoping for the perfect 300 game and hole-in-one.

Dad's last six months were difficult due to declining health, but he still loved to play Rum, usually winning, when his "second" set of kids (Dave, Bill, Jim, Charlie, Mark and especially Donna) were there helping him when Theresa was at work. Special thanks also go to his caregivers from Senior Helpers, Jermaine Clark and Ison Ison.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home – St. Henry is handling the arrangements. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at St. Louis Catholic Church, North Star, Ohio. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Louis Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 until 8 PM on Tuesday at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry, Ohio and from 9 until 10 AM on Wednesday at St. Louis Catholic Church, North Star.