



## Clement Hess

December 27, 1923 - August 18, 2008

Clement John "CJ" Hess CJ passed away peacefully at home while surrounded by his loving family on Monday, August 18, 2008. He was 84 years old. He was a native of Iowa City, Iowa, having lived in Royal Oak, Michigan and New Orleans, Louisiana prior to his current residence in Hammond, Louisiana. CJ graduated from St. Patrick's High School and the University of Iowa in Iowa City. He was a shining example of "The Greatest Generation". CJ was a decorated war hero, answering "the call" out of high school and serving his beloved country in World War II, receiving The Distinguished Flying Cross. He also served in the Korean Conflict and continued to serve his country during his career. As a quality control specialist, he worked for Chrysler Defense, General Dynamics and Martin Marietta on: defense missile programs, the booster for the Apollo lunar programs, the M60 "M1 and Abrams tank programs as well as the solid fuel system for the space shuttle program. A member of the Knight of Columbus in Sterling Heights, Michigan, CJ was also a member of the National American Legion. A dedicated family man, CJ was an exceptionally wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. He had a way of forming a special bond with each family member and sharing a unique part of himself. CJ loved his Iowa Hawkeyes, New Orleans Saints and St. Louis Cardinals; but above all, he loved spending time with his family. His treasured wife of 57 years, Marilyn Mae Howard Hess, survives him along with two daughters, Janna Lynne Rode, Suzanne Dee Howe and husband, Bob; four sons, James Charles

Hess and wife Mary, Matthew Howard Hess and wife Patricia, John Clement Hess and wife Linda, and William Robert Hess. He leaves behind one brother, Robert L. Hess and his wife Jackie. CJ is also survived by his grandchildren, Erin and her husband Jesse Fiorello, Megan Rode, Jimmy, Matthew and Christopher Hess, Rebecca and Samantha Howe, Sara Hess, Ryan and Andrea Hess and Maggie Hess. Son of the late Robert and Blanche Hess, he was also preceded in death by one grandchild, Lindsey N. Hess and four sisters, Delores, Christine, Patricia, JoAnne. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home on Highway 190, west of Hammond on Friday, August 22nd at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m. Father Cayet Mangiaracina will conduct the services and interment will follow in Parklawn Memorial Gardens in Hammond. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in memory of Clement John "CJ" Hess to: Richard Murphy Hospice Foundation, 16013 Halbert Lane, Hammond LA 70403. Condolences and other information available online at [www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.