

## **Leonard Seni**

## Port Arthur, TX | Saturday, November 7 2009

A memorial Mass for Leonard and Betty (McGovern) Seni will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Friends and family are invited to share in this joyful celebration of their lives, which will include a luncheon immediately following the Mass at Suddes Hall.

Betty and Len were members of Marquette High School's Class of 1942. Len was active in sports, playing football and baseball at Marquette (under the guidance of Father Suddes) and earned a football scholarship to St. Louis University. Betty was a cheerleader at Marquette and an award-winning tennis player. In 1945 she and Anita Schmidt were the Alton Doubles winners and in 1946 Betty was the Women's Singles champion.

As a member of the "greatest generation", Leonard answered the nation's call to serve as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He was a fire control officer on the USS Rush and other destroyers in the Pacific Theater. Upon his return from WWII, Len and Betty renewed their high school friendship and were married at St. Mary's on July 3, 1948 by Father Suddes.

Betty worked raising three children, Christine, Steven and Mary Patricia. Len worked for Texaco for 34 years in Beacon, N.Y. and Port Arthur, Tex. Len and Betty enjoyed their retirement in Texas. In their later years, Len lovingly cared for Betty at home after she suffered at stroke. Betty passed away May 3, 2003, and Leonard died July 16, 2009. They are interred together in the Seni family gravesite in St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton. Also remembered are those immediate family members who preceded Betty and Len in death and greeted them at their heavenly home: Byrne and Zeno McGovern, Frank and Mary (Bunny McGovern) Hendrickson, Carl and Marie McGovern, David and William McGovern, Gene Beck, John and Christina Seni, Joseph Seni, Helen Seni, and John and Elsie Seni.