



George N. "Sonny" Mihelich 83, Lake Vermilion-Tower, passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at the Virginia Convalescent Center. He was born in Tower on July 19, 1927, the son of George A. and Nora (Hackey) Mihelich. He grew up in Eveleth and Effie. He served in the Navy during World War II, was stationed on the aircraft carrier SS Saratoga. After his tour of duty, he returned to Effie and worked with his father at the Effie Garage. George married Beverly J. Jensen in Effie on September 24, 1953. In 1954 the couple moved to East Grand Forks, where he worked for the Economy franchise for 36 years. He worked for the company in Grand Forks for 12 years, then at the Grafton-ND for 24 years, retiring in 1990. They have resided at Lake Vermilion-Tower since 2000. George was a member of St. Martins Catholic Church in Tower, the Nelson Jackson American Legion Post #245 of Tower-Soudan, the Bois Forte Honor Guard and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. He was member of the 40 and 8 Association. George was a very dedicated community member. While in Grafton the Eagles Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, the Go-Getters Club, with a perfect attendance for 30 years. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister Patricia Mihelich. George is survived by his wife of 57 years, Beverly; 5 sons, Jim(Kass) of Grand Forks, ND, Michael (Punsana), and George R. of Lake Vermilion-Tower, John "Jack" (Pattie) of Grafton, ND and Paul(Cindy) of Huddelston, VA; 1 brother, John(Brigitta) Mihelich of Lake Vermilion-Tower; 1 sister, Noreene (Thomas) Mee of Prior Lake, MN; 9 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

SERVICES: Memorial Mass was held at 11:00 AM Saturday (March 19th) at St. Martins Catholic Church in Tower, with a gathering of family and friends one hour prior to the service. Rev Fr. Joseph Valliyamthadathil, MCBS, was the celebrant. Military honors were accorded by the Nelson-Jackson American Legion Post #245 of Tower- Soudan. Spring interment will be the Lakeview Cemetary of Tower. Funeral.