

**NILES - William "Willie" Marchese, 90**, of Niles went home and was reunited with his Heavenly Father and wife, surrounded at his residence by his family, on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011.

He was born May 9, 1920, in Warren, the son of Peter and Angeline Ravella Marchese.

He met and married the love of his life, Millie, his wife of 67 years, who had just passed away Jan. 1, 2011.

Willie was owner and operator of Marchese and Sons Concrete Co. for more than 70 years along with his sons, Raymond and John, then watching his grandsons, Ronald Berry and Nick Marchese joining in the family business. A longtime cement and blacktop finisher, he was well known by his friends as Willie or Bill.

He always had a smile and was willing to help anyone.

He attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where he was a member of the Catholic Men's Club and was assistant Scout leader and general chairman of Mount Carmel Boy Scout Troop 36, where, with his friends, they would take the Boy Scouts and his son, John, on weekend trips to Camp Chickagamee.

He, along with his friend, Frank Mauro, would drive the bus and take the seventh- and eighth-grade girls to the Sisters of The Precious Blood Retreat home for weekend retreats.

His love and devotion to his church and his God-given talents of being a cement finisher led him to donate many many hours to the school and church projects of pouring sidewalks and cementing curbs around the church. In his younger days, you would see Willie with his friends, Frank Mauro, Andy Bottliglieri, Harry Barbarini, Joe Cornicelli, Ray Liberatore, Joe Garito, Joe Rossi and many other people working the beer tent at the Mount Carmel Festival to raise money for the church.

He loved his rides and going to breakfast with his son-in-law, Steve, and loved his daughter-in-law Josephine's homemade pizza and Italian cookies. Willie's favorite summer pastime was planting and harvesting his garden.

He is now joined with his wife, Millie, in Heaven, and surviving him are his five children, two sons, John and his wife, Josephine, of Arkansas and Raymond of Niles; three daughters, Angie Dahringer and her husband, Steve, of Maryland, Linda Marchese and Marlane Berry of Niles; a brother, Victor Marchese of Warren; and two sisters, Mary Jones and Angie DeSantis of Niles; eight grandchildren, Debbie Hall, Raymond Dahringer, Dr. Sandra Johnson, Amy DeLatore, Jennifer Berry, Ronnie Berry, Marine Sgt. Nicholas Marchese and Maria Marchese; and eight great-grandchildren, Brett, Megan and Rachael Hall, Mark and Anna Johnson, and Miguell, Gabriella and Maria DeLatore.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Ron Berry Sr.; three brothers, Anthony, Guy and Felix Marchese; and two sisters, Pauline Corso and Gloria Shever.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Joseph Rossi and Sons Funeral Home in Niles, where the Mount Carmel Bereavement Ministry will conduct prayers at 6:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church with the Rev. Father John MulQueen officiating, preceded by a 9 a.m. prayer service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Niles City Cemetery.

Friends and Family can view this obituary, send e-mail condolences, and sign the guestbook at [www.josephrossifuneralhome.com](http://www.josephrossifuneralhome.com).