Paul E. Rivers, 76, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at Lake Winona Manor in Winona. Paul was born Jan. 22, 1933, in Rollingstone, Minn., to Edward and Johanna (Johns) Rivers. Paul graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Rollingstone in 1952 and then served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He married Rosemary Majerus, and they were later divorced. Paul retired from Winona State University, where he worked as an engineer.

Paul was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Rollingstone and its St. Nicholas Society. He was also a member of the American Legion in Winona and the Winona Lions Club.

Paul is remembered for being an avid Twins fan, his love for roses and his rose garden, and collecting clocks.

Survivors include his two daughters, Suzanne (John) Rizzo of Goodview, Minn., and Linda (George) Wright of Isanti, Minn.; and six grandchildren, Courtney, Brittany, Samantha, Grant, Jacob and Grace. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Sister Johanna, Elvira; and brothers, Barney, Art, Norbert, Francis, Wilfred and Edward.

A funeral Mass will be offered Monday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Rollingstone, with the Rev. Donald Lovas officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church Monday.

Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 9 of Winona at the graveside following Mass.

Please share a memory of Paul with the family or sign his online guestbook at hofffuneral.com.