Arthur J. “Artie” Tulius, age 91, of Winona, and a former long-time resident of Dodge, WI, passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2013, at St. Anne Extended Healthcare in Winona.

Artie was born on June 29, 1921, in Dodge, WI, to Jacob and Geneveive (Losinski) Tulius, and attended school in Dodge. He worked for the E.R. Schultz Distributing Company in La Crosse and Hoesley Implement in Dodge. In 1942 he answered his country’s call, enlisting with the United States Army Air Corps, and was stationed at Matagorda Island and Foster Field in Texas. He was honorably discharged in 1946, having attained the rank of Sergeant. He was proud to be a 69-year member of the American Legion Tickfer-Erickson Post #17 of Arcadia. He married Ruth Frances Mauszycki on May 7, 1947, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Winona; Ruth preceded him in death on March 12, 1969.

After returning home from the military, Artie was a truck driver for the Hoesley Oil Company in Dodge. He purchased the company in 1948 and changed the name to Dodge Oil Company. Artie continued as the owner and operator of the oil company until he sold it in 1973. He then went on to work in maintenance at Winona State University from 1976 until retiring in 1986. From 1988 until 1998, Artie was the court appointed manager of the Hillside Fish House in Bluff Siding, WI, as the executor for the estate of his uncle Leonard Losinski. Artie was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Creek, where he served as an usher for over 40 years. He was also a Third Degree member of the Arcadia Knights of Columbus Council #1620; and a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters in Winona; the Polish Heritage Society; the Polish Museum; the Winona Athletic Club and its 24-Hour Club; the Dodge Sportsmens Club; and the Wisconsin Petroleum Association. Artie was an avid Polka dancer, who enjoyed Polka Fests in the Wisconsin Dells and other areas of the Midwest. During the winter months, he liked to attend the fests in Arizona and Nevada while visiting his daughter in California. He enjoyed watching baseball, especially the Milwaukee Brewers.

Artie is lovingly survived by his daughter: Susan (Marvin) Hoogendam, Merced, CA; granddaughters: Barbara Ruth (Adam) Greenberg, New York City, NY; and Christina Frances Hoogendam, Merced, CA; a devoted nephew and caregiver, George Kuklinski, Winona; as well as many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Ruth; an infant son, David; his parents; a sister, Eleanore Kamrowski; and a brother, Leonard Tulius.

A Polka Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30 AM on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pine Creek, WI. Monsignor Roy E. Literski and Father Raj will concelebrate. Artie will be laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Pine Creek, WI, with full military honors. Visitation will be held from 4 PM until 7 PM on Friday, February 1, 2013, at the Watkowski-Mulyck Funeral Home, where Father Raj will lead a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 PM. There will not be any visitation held on Saturday – please meet at the church for Mass. Pallbearers will be George Kuklinski, David Kuklinski, Adam Greenberg, Kris Speltz, Robert Kamrowski and Roman Kamrowski. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ray Kamrowski and Michael Voelker.

Memorials may be directed to the Sacred Heart Cemetery Association for the maintenance and beautification of the cemetery.