

Gustave J.A. Schaefer, 78

Lynbrook—Gustave J. A. Schaefer, 78, a retired New York Telephone Co. employee who had lived in Lynbrook since 1935, died Friday in Franklin General Hospital of congestive heart failure.

Schaefer, who helped raise funds for Our Lady of Peace Church when it was founded in the early 1940s, remained active in fund raising for the church until a few weeks ago. He was a past Grand Knight of St. Mary's Council 2228, Knights of Columbus.

Schaefer was born in Brooklyn Nov. 19, 1900. He lived at 25 Russell St. and worked for the telephone company for 45 years until his retirement in 1965.

One of Schaefer's sons, the Rev. Richard J. Schaefer, was in the first ordination class of the Rockville Centre Diocese and the family asked that, instead of flowers, donations be made to "Father Dick's church," the Holy Rosary Church in Sistrerville, W. Va. Also surviving are Mrs. Schaefer, the former Margaret M. Houlihan; another son, Raymond P., of Lynbrook; a sister, Henrietta Knoebel of Lindenhurst; a brother, Frederick, of Ridgewood, Queens, and five grandchildren.

Mass 9:45 AM tomorrow at Our Lady of Peace Church. Burial in Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead.