

CHARLES GILBERT BIRDEN

Sept. 26, 1929 - April 7, 2006

Charles Gilbert Birden, 76, Oakford, died 12:59 a.m. Friday, April 7, 2006, in Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born Sept. 26, 1929, in Sheridan, the son of the late John Gilbert Birden and the late Sara Maxine Emery Birden. In 1959, he married Gladys Whaley.

He retired as a supervisor at Daimler-Chrysler. He attended schools in Sheridan.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He loved spending time with his horse, "Buck," and beloved cat "Precious." He liked to fly and was considered an "Ace" at his

computer flying games. He also liked to fish and spend time with his family.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys Birden, Oakford; two sons, Johnny Max and wife Lora Petty Birden, Frankfort, Ronnie Ivan and wife Diana Birden, Russiaville; two daughters, Ginny and husband Daniel Bartholomew, Waterford, Mich., Sandy and husband Duane Fenton, Kokomo; brother, Don

"Bunk" and wife Pat Birden, Nashville, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill "Bud" Birden, Brooks Birden and Lowell "Buzz" Ivan Birden.

Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary, Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St. Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with the Rev. William Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Albright Cemetery in Kokomo, with military rites. Memorial may be made to the Heart Fund. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.



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