

JOHN H. 'JACK' ELDRIDGE

Dec. 24, 1927 - Feb. 5, 2005

John H. "Jack" Eldridge, 77, Kokomo, died 2:42 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born Dec. 24, 1927, in Pueblo, Colo., a son of David P. and Fern E. (Seay) Eldridge. He married Sylvia (Gilliam) Eldridge in 1963 at Noblesville.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. He retired from Continental Steel Corporation as a supervisor with 38 years of service. He then worked as a salesman for Erik's Chevrolet and as a driver for the City Cab Company.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Howard Masonic Lodge No. 93 F & AM, FOP and the Civil Defense (now EMS).

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Eldridge, Kokomo; three daughters, Stacey Harrington, Yvonne and husband Jim Davis, and Yvette Small, all of Kokomo; a stepdaughter, Linda J. and husband Carl Bice II, Shreveport, La.; three sons, Bobby Joe Eldridge, Jeffery Wayne Eldridge, and Tim Eldridge, all of Kokomo; a stepson, Benny and wife Donna Beckner, Kokomo; a granddaughter who was raised in the home, Brandi and husband James Morrison, Kokomo; two brothers, William Eldridge, Kokomo, and Robert and wife Violet Eldridge, Noblesville; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Toma R. Eldridge; a sister, Hazel West; a brother, James Eldridge; and his parents.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., with the Rev. Algie VanWinkle and the Rev. Paul Sutherland officiating. Burial will be in Albright Cemetery with full military rites by the VFW Military Rites Team. Visitation is noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.

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