

Milos E. 'Mike' Graves

April 15, 1919 - Nov. 6, 2005

Milos E. "Mike" Graves, 86, Kokomo, went home to be with his most precious Lord on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, from St. Joseph Hospital, surrounded by his family.

He was a man of great integrity and loved his Lord Jesus Christ, expressing it in the love he showed his family and friends. He will be sadly missed by his wife of 58 years and his family until the time all will meet again for a great reunion in Heaven.

He was born April 15, 1919, in Union County, Tenn., a son of James Alford "Mannie" and Melinda Catherine (Lindie) Graves. He married Jean (Thieke) Graves on Sept. 4, 1947, and she survives.

He attended school at Forest and Russiaville and was a World War II Army veteran, serving from January 1942 to October 1945. He retired from Haynes Stellite in 1983.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 6, and a member of First Assembly of God Church. He enjoyed passing out candy at church and being with his family and friends. He was always known for being the sweetest man anyone could ever meet.

Survivors include three sons, Gary and wife Bonnie Graves, Kokomo, Dick and wife Sandy Graves, Aliquippa, Pa., Jeff and wife Mary Graves, Kokomo; grandchildren, Jonathan and wife Monica Graves, Jenny Graves, Mykelle Thompson-Graves and her husband Scott, Becky and husband Jeremy Pentland, Kimberly and husband Dustin McLochlin; great grandchildren, Sam and Jack Thompson-Graves, and Joshua Pentland; two brothers, Tom Graves, Russiaville, and Lawrence Graves, Kokomo; one sister Mary Jane Smelser, Galveston; sisters-in-law, Dorothy and husband Carson Hughes, Betty and husband Donald Duncan, and Mary and husband Wayne Linville; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by five brothers, one sister, five sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Assembly of God Church, 1520 N. Apperson Way, with Pastor Chuck Griffith officiating and the Rev. Bob Barber assisting. Burial will be in Albright Cemetery with military honors by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., and from 10 a.m. to time of services Wednesday at the church.

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