HANCOCK, William "Bill"



Aug. 8, 1922 - Dec. 19, 2006

William "Bill" Hancock, 84, Rochester and formerly of Kokomo, died 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. He was born Aug. 8, 1922, in Kokomo to William G. and Catherine (Hullinger) Hancock. He married Shirley Jean (Scott) Hancock on June 27, 1971, and she preceded him in death on July 12, 1998.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, formerly worked in maintenance at Morning Star Church and delivered for Carriage Manor Florist. He enjoyed bowling, golf, country music, reading his Bible, and talking about God.

Surviving are his son, James Hancock, Kokomo; stepson, Terry Hancock, Indianapolis; stepdaughters, Tammy and husband Morris Gatliff, Rochester, and Adrienne and husband Larry Lamp, Kokomo; daughter-in-law, Debbie Hancock, Galveston; 21 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; sister, Etta Ashe, Kokomo; brothers, Robert and wife Janice Hancock, Rochester, and Tom and wife Gayle Hancock, Mountain Home, Ark.; and special pets, Taz and TJ.

He was preceded in death by son, William "Bud" Hancock; stepdaughter, Cathy Hamilton; stepson, Scott Hancock; sisters, Alice J. Roberts, Peggy J. Fleenor and Betty Barlow; brothers, Charles F. Hancock, Virgil E. Hancock, John A. Hancock, and Richard W. Hancock.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., with the Rev. Leon Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Albright Cemetery with military rites by Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Calling will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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