

PHILLIP K. WADE

Oct. 30, 1942 - June 27, 2005

Phillip K. Wade, 62, 3112 Oxford St., died 7:30 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2005, at a home on which he was working in Clinton County. He was born Oct. 30, 1942, in Chicago, Ill., a son of Herbert Chan and Jean Fink Wade. On April 16, 1961, he married Judy A. Riley and she survives.

He served with the Air Force in the Vietnam War and worked at Delphi Electronics in shipping department 900. For 40 years he ran the Kokomo Fire Dragon Karate School, a nonprofit school to help keep kids off the streets.

He was an 8th-degree black belt in karate and a member of the P.K.C.

He loved his family and children. He was also active in animal rescue.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah A. and Kent Mullenix, Kokomo, and Shelley and Rick Sepeta, Mission, Texas; four grandchildren, Lauren Sepeta, Michael Sepeta, Mirannda Mullenix and Madison Mullenix; a brother, David Taylor, Portland, Ore.; three nieces, Terri Piel, Linda Helvig and Karen Lauderbaugh; a nephew, David Taylor; and his extended family from the karate school. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Ellers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster St., with the Rev. Victor Morrisey officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery with graveside military rites by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to the Kokomo Humane Society.

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