GILBERT G. 'GIL' WINKEL

Feb. 12, 1924 - Sept. 2, 2005

Gilbert G. "Gil" Winkel, 81, 4505 Mayfield Drive, died 12:08 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born Feb. 12, 1924, in Madison the son of Gilbert A. and Hazel D. (Leap) Winkel. On Nov. 7, 1946, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kokomo, he married Christina M. (Parker) Winkel, who survives.

He retired in 1987 as controller of Kolux Corp., after 41 years of service. He was a 1942 graduate of Madison High School and attended Indiana University Kokomo.

Gil served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, earning the rank of sergeant. His service areas included Normandy, northern France, Rhineland and central Europe. He was a veteran of the D-Day invasion at Utah Beach. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus and was a past Grand Knight. He also was a member of VFW Post 1152, served as current president of the Kokomo Mental Health Association, a member of the Board of Indiana State Mental Health Association, Fraternal Order of Police and had been active in the Northwestern Music Boosters, having served as president and treasurer. He enjoyed woodworking and his service to the community.

Surviving are his wife, Christina M. Winkel, Kokomo; two sons, Gilbert G. Winkel and wife Jessie, and Joseph Alois Winkel, all of Kokomo; two daughters, Mary Cox and husband Jerry, Fort Wayne, and Theresa Anderson and husband Gary, Carmel; two granddaughters, Helen Perry and husband Michael, Kokomo, and Lauren Anderson, Carmel; sister, Roberta Melton, Kokomo; brother, William Winkel and his wife, Germaine, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Christin Anderson.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1229 N. Washington St., with the Rev. Father Ted Dudzinski as the celebrant. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery with military honors by the U.S. Army and the VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, where a scripture service at 6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of Poor Clares, Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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