

MEREDITH OWEN 'RICK' BAILEY

June 4, 1936 - Oct. 10, 2005

Meredith Owen "Rick" Bailey, 69, Lake Wales, Fla., formerly of Kokomo, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at his residence. He had wintered in Florida for many years, but only recently took up permanent residence there. He was born June 4, 1936, in Howard Co., a son of Ralph L. and Savannah (Maxwell) Bailey. On Jan. 23, 1965, he married Helen R. Roe in Dale Hollow, Tenn., and she preceded him in death July 13, 2001.

Rick was a 1954 graduate of Northwestern High School and attended Indiana University Kokomo. He then served in the U.S. Army for one tour of duty. He began his employment at Delco Electronics in 1962, and he retired in 1992 from the steel crib after 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Isaac Walton League. He was an avid outdoors man and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. In his youth, he loved woodworking and sharing his handiwork with others.

For many years, he was a member of a local group where he played the bass guitar and the organ and enjoyed singing. His greatest joy came from seeing the many accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Bailey of Kokomo; four daughters, Judy Dougherty and husband Mike, Shirley Julow-Howell and husband Richard Howell Jr., Michelle Bailey, all of Kokomo, and Patsy Pylat and husband Scott of Greenville, S.C.; five grandchildren, Sabrina Barnett and husband Steve, Tricia Harris and husband Shawn, Shawn Johnson, Shane Johnson and Alec Pylat; seven great-grandchildren, Kevin Jameson, Kris Kanable, Kiersten Kanable, Courtney Harris, Shawn Harris Jr., Madeleine Gerking and Cody Johnson; two sisters, Paula McIntyre of San Diego, Calif., and Cindy Litteral of Ft. Myers, Fla. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Benjamin Mitchell; and a son-in-law, Gary L. Julow.

A celebration of Rick's life will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with Amanda Smith officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Mausoleum with military honors provided by the U.S. Army and the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 until 8 p.m. on Monday and from 11 a.m. until service time on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association with envelopes available at the funeral home.

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