

## Robert W. Burtch

Robert W. Burtch, 65, 2314 N. Jay St., a former detective with the Kokomo Police Department, died at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 1982.

He joined the police force in January 1942, and retired from service in July 1960. Most of that time was spent in the department's detective division. 24 Aug. 1982

Burtch was born in Galveston March 5, 1917, a son of Burt and Lillian (Foy) Burtch. He was married Aug. 25, 1945, to Delilah Comerford, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Robert Burtch and Robert Steven Burtch, both of Kokomo; two daughters, Barbara Abbott of Sacramento, Calif., and Judith Ann Mundt of North Highlands, Calif.; two stepsons, Max D. Comerford of Kokomo and Rex L. Comerford of Binghamton, N.Y.; three sisters, Mildred Allman of Tucson, Ariz., Maxine Larke of Kokomo and Betty Johnson of Lakin, Kan.; and 10 grandchildren. A brother preceded him in death.

Burtch served with the Army during World War II and after retirement from the police department was operator of Burtch Construction Co. He was a member of Bible Baptist Church, American Legion Post 6, National Rifle Association and a life member of David Foster Lodge. Fraternal Order of Police.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ellers Mortuary with the Rev. Steven Agal officiating. Burial and graveside FOP services will be at Sunset Memory Gardens. Calling at the mortuary will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials can be in the form of contributions to the American Heart Association.