

BILLY JOE GILES

Oct. 10, 1930 - Feb. 4, 2005

Lifetime Kokomo resident Billy Joe Giles, 74, went to be with the Lord Friday morning, Feb. 4, 2005, from Northwoods Village. He was born Oct. 10, 1930, in Kokomo, the son of Vivan and Margaret (Weaver) Giles. He married Josephine Pearson in Calvary Baptist Church, Kokomo, on July 2, 1950, and she survives.

He was a graduate of Kokomo High School, class of 1948. He served in the U.S. Navy in 1949 and 1950 as a flagman on the USS Chilton. He worked at Delco Electronics for 37 1/2 years, first as a tool and die maker, then as the general supervisor in the press room before retirement in 1987.

He was a member of Crossroads Christian Church, Eastern Star #108, Scottish Rite of Indianapolis, Naphtali Lodge #389, and he was a 32 degree Mason. He was also a past patron of the Center Chapter of Eastern Star. Billy was an avid golfer who hit his only hole-in-one on July 3, 1997. He was a member of the Tipton Municipal Golf Course and he loved to collect classic cars. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was a good husband and a loving father. He was a gentle man of great faith. He loved to vacation with his family in Florida and South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Josephine M. Giles, of Kokomo; his two daughters, Susan E. Schaaf and husband Dean of Merritt Island, Fla., and Cynthia L. Gross and husband Gary of Kokomo; her grandchildren, Christina S. Dillon of Cincinnati, Ohio, Heather (Wiles) Kessler and husband Walt of Kokomo, and Ashley Phillips and husband Scott of Dallas, Texas; great-grandchildren, Trevor Kessler and Nolan Kessler, both of Kokomo, and Olivia Dashiell of Avon; stepgrandchildren, Stacy (Gross) Dashiell and husband Mark of Avon, Christian Gross of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Disa Schaaf of Wisconsin, and Charles Schaaf of Florida; a step great-grandchild, Devin Toole of Wisconsin; sisters, Beverly Cobb of Savannah, Ga., Shirley Jean Frazier and husband Paul of Kokomo, and Carolyn K. Stuer of Kokomo; brothers, Robert Giles and wife Mary of Greentown, and Gerald Giles and wife Dee of LaSalle, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Elsie Giles of Kokomo, Linda Shepherd and husband Mike of Tipton, and Sharon Judson and husband Skip of Ohio; brothers-in-law, John Pearson and wife Mary Jo, and Ray Pearson, all of Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Fred and Donny Giles; and a sister, Sharon Giles.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, with the Rev. Ron Degraff officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery and Mausoleum. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Crossroads Community Church Building Fund or the Memory Care Unit at Northwoods Village. Friends may offer their condolences online at www.MeM.com.

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