

Rex James Sr.

Rex R. James Sr., 78, Kokomo, went to be with the Lord at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2002, from his residence. He was born Feb. 24, 1924, in Kokomo, to Ira and Dessle (Elkins) James. On March 6, 1953, in Wabash, Ind., he married Joyce E. (Belzer) James, who survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II from 1943-1944. He worked for American Standard Pottery, Kokomo, from 1946-1952. He then took a leisure trip to California. Upon his return, he went to work for Haynes Stellite from 1953-1983. He was disabled for a year after the explosion in August 1966. Upon returning to work, he had one year of perfect attendance.

He was a member of VFW Post 1152. He was also a member of New Life Assembly of God Church and had been attending West Middleton Friends Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and traveling.



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Including his wife, he is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Caroline L. Wheeler, Kokomo, Dolly and Robert Wilkerson, Elwood, Penny and Craig Stone, Muncie; a son and daughter-in-law, Sgt. Rex R. Jr. and Lisa James, Kokomo; brother and sister-in-law, Ira Jr. and Barbara James, Kokomo; sister, Donna Turnpaugh, Belton, Texas; nine grandchildren, Tim McAninch, Jeffrey McAninch, John Wheeler Jr., Tracy Workman, Sylvia Christakes, Loressa E. Stone, Zachary-Taylor-Ray Stone, Kierston Sue Stone, Cristin Sierra James; 11 great-grandchildren, Kayleigh, Reanna, Peter Michael, Tori, Jeffrey, Nichole, Erick, Brittney, Julian, Jeremy, Rick; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, a sister, and a great-grandchild.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., with the Rev. Ken Byland officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Garden with military honors to be held. Friends may call 9 to 11 a.m. prior to services Saturday at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to VFW Post 1152 and/or the American Heart Association.