

JOHN ROBERT 'BOB' O'NEILL

Sept. 4, 1926 - Oct. 19, 2004

John Robert "Bob" O'Neill, 78, 3866 Forest Drive, Monticello, formerly of Kokomo, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004 in the emergency room of White County Memorial Hospital. He was born Sept. 4, 1926, in Kokomo, a son of Charles and Agnes (Braun) O'Neill. On June 28, 1947, in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, he married Dorothy "Dottie" Graves.

He was a 1944 graduate of Kokomo High School. He was a veteran of World War II and Korea. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II serving with the 5th Marine Division on Iwo Jima, Peleliu, Los Negros and other Pacific Islands. Upon discharge from the service, he was employed by Mayfield Construction Company in Kokomo before joining the Kokomo Fire Department. He retired from the Kokomo Fire Department in 1968 after 20 years of service, retiring as Assistant Chief. After his retirement he worked in retail sales and later founded and co-owned the Four Seasons Furniture Store in the Forest Park Shopping Center. Moving to Monticello in 1989, he retired to his lake home and pursued his favorite hobby of fishing.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Monticello, St. Patrick and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Churches in Kokomo, the Holy Name Society at the churches, and honorary member of the Knights of Columbus; and a member of the American Legion Post 6 and VFW organizations. He was proud of his Irish heritage and was an avid Notre Dame football fan.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Patrick C. and wife Robin O'Neill, Kokomo; three daughters, Maureen and husband Len Schossler, Burke, Va., Monica Morgan, and Peggy and husband Nino Rodriguez, all of Kokomo; grandchildren, Sean and wife Michele Leshner of San Diego, Calif., Molly and husband Patrick Armstrong of Paris, France, Jenny and husband Jeremy Shaw, Brian and wife Meghan Morgan, Christopher O'Neill, Erin Rodriguez and Ryan Rodriguez, all of Kokomo; great-grandchildren, Karlie Shaw and Evan Shaw, both of Kokomo, Zachary Leshner and Nathan Leshner, both of San Diego, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Irene Winch, and nephew, Michael Winch, both of Bellville, Ill.; and a niece, Margie Fowler of Kokomo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 3155 S. Dixon Road, with Rev. Fr. Francis I. Kilcline III the celebrant. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may call at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, from 4 until 8 p.m. Friday, where a rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friends may also call at the church one hour prior to the Mass where family prayers will be said at 9:45 a.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church or to St. Patrick Catholic Church. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary.

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