

James 'Bud' Schwartz

James G. "Bud" Schwartz, 76, Kokomo, died at 3:43 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, with his wife, daughter and grandson present.


Born March 11, 1923, in Kokomo, he was the son of James G. "Guy" and Orpha Blanche (Lewis) Schwartz. On Dec. 31, 1947,



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in Kokomo, he married Betty R. (Florek) Schwartz, who survives.

He graduated from Kokomo High School in 1941.

 He was inducted into the Army in December 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark. After completing Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, he joined the 80th Infantry Division as a second lieutenant in November 1943. In 1944, he was awarded both the Distinguished Service Cross for valor and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. He was promoted to captain in 1945. On June 8, 1945, he received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Other decorations he received included the American Campaign Medal, European Theatre Medal with three battle stars, Victory Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. On Feb.

26, 1946, he was honorably discharged from the service.

In 1952 he graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. In 1952 he joined Delco Electronics, later retiring as assistant controller in 1980. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 6; Elks Lodge 190; Forty & Eight Club, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1152. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed reading.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Cheryl S. Boone, Columbus, Ohio; Cindy L. Schwartz, Kokomo; two brothers, Richard D. Schwartz, Carmel; William C. Schwartz, Sand

Springs, Okla.; a sister, Helen L. Conwell, Kokomo; grandson, Neal Andrew "Andy" Boone, Columbus. He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary, Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St. The Rev. Harold Williams will officiate. Entombment will be in Sunset Memory Garden with military rites. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.