

LESTER C. SIEM

May 24, 1920 - March 8, 2004

Lester C. Siem, 83, 2606 S. Park Road, Kokomo, died 2:55 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital. He was born May 24, 1920, in Manning, Iowa, the son of Peter Andrew and Elsie M. (Mohr) Siem. He married M. Carolyn Wilson Aug. 11, 1956, at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and she preceded him in death Feb. 5, 2004.

He was a graduate of Manning High School and graduated from Des Moines Business College with a degree in accounting. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on Ford Island and the USS Independence. He received the following commendations: The Asiatic Pacific Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

He formerly had been employed at Gamrath Industries for five years. He then went to work for Waste Management, Inc., where he retired in May 1988 as office manager. At the time of his retirement he had completed over 50 years in the accounting field.

His memberships included Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Kiwanis Golden K, and Jellystone Campground at Pierceton, Ind.

Surviving are one son, Mark A. and wife Joan Siem, Carlsbad, Calif.; two daughters, Emily A. and husband Larry Raines, Brazil, and Mary Jane and husband Aaron McClung, Monticello; and five grandchildren, Kristin Siem, Laura Siem, Jacob Siem, Evan Morrow and Gage McClung. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Patricia Gosch and Gerry Joens; one brother, Dean Edward Siem; and one brother-in-law, Robert G. Wilson.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 705 Southway Boulevard East, with Pastor William S. Allison officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery with military honors provided by Kokomo VFW Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Rd., and one hour preceding the service Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Redeemer Lutheran School with envelopes available at the mortuary.

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