

JOHN FRANKLIN DURHAM

Oct. 25, 1923 – Oct. 22, 2004

John Franklin Durham, 80, Kokomo, died 1:05 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital. Born Oct. 25, 1923, in Greentown, he was a son of John David Durham and Merle Shrock. On June 28, 1947, in Kokomo, he married Isabelle Marie Williams and she preceded him in death April 1, 1996.



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He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Aleutian Islands during World War II. He was employed with Continental Steel as a millwright for over 30 years, retiring in 1980.



He was a supporter of the Rescue Mission, an avid antique collector and dealer for over 30 years, and loved to go to auctions.

Survivors include two sons, Boyd "Bud" and wife Teresa Smith, Kokomo, and John D. and wife Sherri Durham, Peru; three daughters, Tereasa and husband Greg Ford, Gas City, Sue and husband Mike Allen, Canton, Ga., and Julie Durham, Kokomo; 10 grandchildren, Kim, Bryan, Heather, Christi, Amber, James, Michael, Robert, Michelle and David; and 11 great-grandchildren, Bailey, Olivia, Tyler, Will, Darin, Devin, Isabelle, Dakota, Jace, Sierra and Tyler Daniel. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Lavina Durham and Laverne Leicht.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., with the Rev. Gary Colby officiating. Burial will be in Crown Point Cemetery. Calling is 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Memorials may be directed to the Howard County Unit of the American Cancer Society or to the Rescue Mission.