

DONALD L. HELTON

Aug. 18, 1929 - July 18, 2003

Donald L. Helton, 73, Rochester, died 2 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2003, at Sycamore Village Health Care Center. He was born Aug. 18, 1929, in Kokomo, to Arthur A. and Eva Lucille (Ronk) Helton. He married Beverly Jean Helton Oct., 1952, in Kokomo. She preceded him in death Dec. 1986.

He served in the Navy as a Fireman from 1948 to 1952, and retired from Delco Electronics, Kokomo, in 1984, after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Kokomo Eagles Lodge, the Moose Lodge, Rochester, the VFW, Rochester, and the American Legion, Rochester. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

Survivors include special friend, Irene Miller, Rochester; two daughters, Sandy Helvig, Sharpsville, and Gloria Helton, Kokomo; one son, Donald L. Helton, Kokomo; one son-in-law, Jim Helvig, Kokomo; one granddaughter, Lori Hinkle, Center; two great-grandchildren; five sisters, Jan McClish, Mission, Texas, Willadean Thurmond, Greentown, Barbara Dunlap, Greentown, Mary Lou Ragon, Mission, Texas, and Judy Bales, Windfall; one Navy 'brother,' Joe Diprima, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one step-son; two brothers; two sisters.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Eilers Mortuary, 3400 South Webster St., with the Rev. Ken Spangler officiating. Burial of ashes at Crown Point Cemetery will follow services. Friends may call 9 a.m. until service time at the mortuary.

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