

PYKE, George Richard

March 5, 1920 - May 4, 2006

Bert H. Smith Jr., 86, Kokomo, died at 9:30 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2006, in St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born March 5, 1920, in Kokomo, to the late Bertram P. Smith and the late Sue McMinnoway.

On March 27, 1948, in Kokomo, he married the late Colleen Leora (Burkett) Smith, who preceded him Jan. 14, 1968. He was employed as a machinist for Kingston Products in Kokomo, retiring after 41 years of service. He was a veteran of the Army, serving in Germany during World War II. He was a lifetime member of the Eagles. He enjoyed fishing and rabbit hunting.

Surviving are a daughter, Alice Brenton Phifer and husband Michael, Russiaville; a son, Ted W. and wife Rita J. Smith, Frankton; and granddaughters, Ashley V. Smith and Chelsea E. Smith, both of Frankton, and Colleen M. Pope, New London.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and one sister, Virginia Johnson.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday in Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo, with the Rev. Erwin Early will officiate. Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo, with military rites by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team.

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