

## R. Merrell Hart

R. Merrell Hart, 85, 2501 Friendship Boulevard, died at 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at Saint Joseph Hospital & Health Care Center. Born Dec. 15, 1914, at Roachdale, he was the son of Foy O. and Ida May (Crowder) Hart. On April 1, 1945, in New London, he married Esther (Hanson) Hart.

He graduated from Roachdale High School in 1933. He worked for 21 years at Murray-Davis Auto Parts, then worked for five years at Chrysler Corporation, Kokomo, and retired from the Kokomo Glass Shop. He was a 56 year member of the Main Street United Methodist Church; a Boy Scout leader for Troop #30 at the church, and a leader of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. He was the head noodle maker for the church for all special events and bazaars.

Surviving are his wife of Kokomo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Beth Ann Hart, Maple Grove, Minn.; Neil and Kathy Hart, Russiaville; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ethel and Gene Hostetter, Hazelwood

Ind.; Betty and Jack Agnew, Austin, Texas; June and Charlie Brown, Plainfield; five grandchildren, Monelle, Shelley, Aaron, Adrian and Derren Hart. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene and Charlie Hart and three sisters, Geneva Braun, Gladys and Marie Hart.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Main Street United Methodist Church, 830 S. Main St. The Revs. David Herr and Harold Williams will officiate. Burial will be in New London. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville.