

JERROLD 'JERRY' W. PATE

May 22, 1937 - May 15, 2006

Jerry Pate, 68, Kokomo, died at 1:45 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2006, at Howard Regional Health System. He was born May 22, 1937, in Rockport, the son of Thomas A. Pate and Madeleine (Lampkins) Pate.

He attended Bosse High School in Evansville and received a basketball scholarship to the University of Kentucky. He was a sergeant with the Army Corps of Engineers from 1961-65. He formed his own construction business, Pate Homes, and for 45 years, built hundreds of single and multi-family homes in Kokomo and north central Indiana.

He was a founding member of the Howard County Homebuilders Association and the Howard County Apartment Association. He was a Board Member of the Fellowship of Hope, a past board member of Howard County Plan Commission and the Farmers Home Administration, as well as a 44-year member of Howard Masonic Lodge #92.



Survivors include Wanda Byers, Kokomo, who shared his love and his life; his mother, Madeleine Pate, Rockport; son, Jon Pate and companion, Laura St. Michel, Galveston; daughter, Kimberly Pate and companion, Robert Schmied, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; sister, Dolores Jean Wilhelmus, Richland; two grandchildren, Kori Pate, Bloomington, and Sydney Pate, Galveston; aunt, Lou Woodson, Richland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas A. Pate; son, Christopher Pate; and grandson, Ryan Pate.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, with the Rev. William Emrich officiating. Entombment will follow in Chapel of Love Mausoleum at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Fellowship of Hope, envelopes will be available at the funeral home. If you would like to offer your condolences online, you may do so by visiting www.mem.com.