



Earl James Whelchel Jr.

February 3, 1925 - January 13, 2009

Anderson - Earl James Whelchel Jr., 83, Anderson, passed away January 13, 2009 at his residence suddenly. He was born February 3, 1925 in Kokomo, Indiana, and resided in Anderson most of his life. Earl served his country in the US Army from 1943-1945 during WWII. He retired from Delco Remy Division of General Motors after 37 years of service. He was a member of New Horizons United Methodist Church; 32nd degree member of the Solar Masonic Lodge #734 F. & A.M.; Solar Chapter Order of Eastern Star #604; Mural Temple Shrine; Madison County Shrine Club; Madison County Voiture #510 40 & 8; VFW Post #266; American Legion, Social Unit; and Eagles Lodge. Earl was an avid Anderson basketball fan and was involved with the Booster's Club. He was a season ticket holder for over 50 years. He is survived by his daughters, Diane L. & husband Rev. Roger Crouse of Berry, Kentucky and granddaughter, Megan Crouse and Kathy Jo & husband Jackie Smith of Jacksonville, Florida; brothers, Arthur Whelchel of Kentucky and Howard A. & wife Shirley Whelchel of Kentucky; step-sons, Steve & wife Arlene Herkomer of Pendleton and King & wife Dianne Herkomer of Anderson; step-daughter, Mary & husband Richard Ulisky of Dayton, Ohio; grandson, John Hartley; great grandchildren, Adam Hartley and Erica Hartley and several other great grandchildren; nephews, Shane and Kyle and several other nieces and nephews and his dog, Wizard. He was preceded in death by his 1st wife, Margaret M. Whelchel who passed away March 1, 1992; son, Rolland Hartley; daughter, Sue Etta Hartley; 2nd wife, Evelyn Cotton Whelchel

who passed away March 17, 2007; parents, Earl James Whelchel Sr. & Helen Burton Whelchel; granddaughter, Donna Kay Downey; Great Grandchild, Tasanay J. Smith and sister, Betty Walsh. Visitation will be from 2-6:00 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2009 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Services will be Monday, January 19, 2009 at 11:30 AM, at the funeral home, south chapel, with Rev. Steve Holdzkom officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson. A Masonic service will be held at 4:00 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2009 and Military graveside rites will be by the VFW. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I appreciate the comments left on here . rolland and sue etta were technically my half brother and sister, but we did not use those terms. they were my dad' children and my siblings no matter born that way or not. miss you dad .

diana whelchel crouse - September 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Smokey we will miss you. We enjoyed your visits to Kathy & Jackie in Florida. Whenever we go to Tu Tu Tangos in Orlando, we remember the fun time we all had. In your new place, may you find eternal peace and love. Our prayers and thoughts to all the family, and may time help them overcome their grief.

Barbara & Joe Gomez - January 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Did not know Mr Whelchel , met him once, but did know his second wife, Margaret. She was married to my brother, Glenn. They had 2 children, Rolland and Sue Etta. Which would make them his Step children not his children. Also John Hartley would be his step grandson. That should be clarified for the records. Thank You . The family has my sympathy.

Nancy Hartley Callaway - January 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr Whelchel was a wonderful man. I had the pleasure of being his neighbor when I was younger and lived next door to he and Margaret on S. Broadway. Both had a special place in my heart. One of my memories was when they attended my graduation open house in May 1991 and spent the entire afternoon as one of my family, just celebrating. They both were so very special and now once again can be together. I am glad that my life was touched by this special husband and wife.*

Misty J Asbury - January 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM