



Merrill F. Baer

January 25, 1921 - October 30, 2008

Anderson - Merrill F. "Francis" Baer, 87, Anderson, passed away October 30, 2008 at Methodist Hospital-Indianapolis after a brief illness. He was born January 25, 1921 in Wilkinson, Indiana, and resided in this area most of his life. Francis was a 1938 graduate of Wilkinson High School. He served his country in the US Army in England during WWII. Francis retired in 1977 from Delco Remy Division of General Motors Plant 4 after 36 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, a member of the UAW Local #662 and Guide Retiree Club. Francis enjoyed gardening, family and spending time with his grandkids. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Helen Craig Baer; daughter, Cathy Tom Stidham of Pendleton; two granddaughters, Shelley Brad Brighton and Jennifer Abel of Middletown; three step-grandsons, Brian Mary Stidham, Brandon Carrie Stidham both of Fountaintown and Byron Stidham of Knoxville, Tennessee; one great granddaughter, Casandra Abernathy of Middletown; and four step great grandsons, Nick Stidham, Nolan Stidham, Luke Stidham and Caisen Stidham all of Fountaintown; three sisters-in-law, Joann Carl Chambers, Emogene Craig and Jean Matthews all of Anderson; two brothers-in-law, Walter Janice Craig of Middletown and Richard Craig of Anderson. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester & Leoma Tinney Baer; brother, Sam Baer and sister, Marjorie Bucher. Visitation will be from 2-6:00 PM on Sunday, November 2, 2008 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson. Services will be Monday,

November 3, 2008 at 2:30 PM, at the funeral home, south chapel, with Rev. Tom Chapman officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson with military rites will be by the VFW #266. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com