



## William S. Hart

February 24, 1922 - February 26, 2013

William S. Hart, 91, of Markleville, passed away on February 26, 2013 at the Marquette Manor Health Care Center. He was born on February 24, 1922 in Washington, Indiana and resided most of his life in Markleville. William served his country in the Army Air Corp and the Air Force in January of 1942. He served as an aircraft maintenance technician and crew chief at Molesworth Air Force Base in England with the 360th quadron, 303rd H Bomber Group, 8th Air Force Division. In 1944 the 33rd received the Presidential Unit Citation for their exemplary service leading a bombing campaign over Nazi Germany. During World War II, he also participated in campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland, North Africa, as well as supporting the effort at Normandy on D-Day. After the war was over he was assigned to the Strategic Air Command SAC in Nuremburg, Germany to help with the European rebuilding effort. During the Korean Conflict, he was stationed in Japan with the 35th Fighter Wing, FEAF. After the Korean Conflict was over, he was then stationed at Castle Air Force Base as part of SAC, where he was an aircraft technician for B-52 bombers. Mt. Hart received numerous commendations throughout his illustrious military career. He retired from the United States Air Force as an E-7 Master Sergeant after 20 years of distinguished service in 1963. He worked at Delco Remy retiring in 1984 and was a member of the Markleville Masonic Lodge # 629 William is survived by his children, Bill Joellen Hart of Kokomo, IN, Marie Butch Mercer of Indianapolis, IN, Loretta Darius Greer of Carthage, IN, Helga Gayle Bridges of Hot Springs AR., eight grandchildren and seven

great-grandchildren. Companion and family friend, Mary Adams of Chesterfield and several nephews and nieces also survive. He was preceded in death by his wife, Else Engelbrecht Hart and parents, James Harrison and Etta Gilley Hart and three sisters. Visitation will be held from 4-8 pm, Friday, March 1, 2013 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson, Indiana with a Masonic Service at 6:00pm. Services will be held at 2:30pm, Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the funeral home with Rev. Brian Dwiggin officiating. Burial will take place in Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Wounded Warrior. [www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com)