

## **Lawrence E. "Joe" Rash, 85**

The father of a Bluffton resident, Lawrence E. "Joe" Rash, 85, of Evansville, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Born in Adams County on Dec. 14, 1922 to Joseph A. and Marquerite E. (Mayer) Rash, he married Marquerite A. Meshberger on June 11, 1944; she preceded him in death on Nov. 27, 1992 and he then married Juanita Reis on Dec. 14, 1996; she survives.

Mr. Rash served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion Post #43. He was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service for 16 years and also worked for Leland Smith Insurance for 45 years. He was a member of Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur, serving on many church boards and also as a deacon and elder. He also attended St. Peter United Church of Christ in Evansville, and was also a member of the Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur and Hoosiers Cruisers.

Mr. Rash was also preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at the Zion United Church of Christ. Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur and from one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial is at Greenwood Cemetery, in Linn Grove, with military rites by the American Legion Post #43. Preferred memorials are to the church or the Civitan Club of Evansville.

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