



Max E. "Lightning" Colchin, 87, of Avilla, formerly of Fort Wayne, left this world on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at Provena Sacred Heart Home. Max was born on December 26, 1924 in Adams County to the late Fredrick J. and Frances E. (Coffee) Colchin. On May 3, 1954 he married Margaret Weber; she passed away on August 27, 2012.

Max was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church-Hessen Cassel in Fort Wayne. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 864, Moose Lodge 1311, American Legion Post 43, and the VFW Post 10006.

He worked for 43 years as an experimental engineer in the sheet metal department for International Harvester (Navistar) retiring in 1990. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII.

He is survived by 3 sons Larry E. (Patricia) Colchin of Ft. Wayne, Patrick J. (Nellie Landeros) Colchin of Bonita, CA and Neil T. (Lynn) Colchin of Ft. Wayne; 3 daughters Ellen K. (Thomas) White, Eve M. Colchin and Anne E. (Dennis) Ulman all of Ft. Wayne; a brother Maurice "Gabby" Colchin of Decatur; a sister Lois Sharp of Baldwin, MI; 12 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandchild Benjamin Ulman, 4 sisters and a brother.

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 29, 2012 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church-Hessen Cassel followed by a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at the church. Concelebrating will be Rev. Fr. Cornelius Ryan, C.S.C. and Rev. Fr. Stephen Colchin and burial will be in the St. Joseph Church Cemetery. Military graveside rites by the American Legion Post 43 color guard.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church-Hessen Cassel Improvement Fund or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Arrangements by Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home.

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