

**News-Sentinel, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - Tuesday, February 8, 2005**

RAYMOND L. EVARD, 86, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at Heritage Park Nursing Home. born July 13, 1918, in Harlan, he worked for Inland Distributors for 21 years, retiring in 1991 and Superior Fuel Oil for 28 years as a Driver. He was a life member of D.A.V. Elmer Pond and American Legion Post 499 and was a World War II Army veteran, he was discharged in 1945. Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Phyllis A. Evard of Fort Wayne; daughters, Rose (Richard) McFarland and Lisa (Scott) Smith; sons, Raymond H. (Serena) Evard, Ralph A. (Joyce) Evard, Greg (Marlene) Hastreiter and Steven Evard; sister, Lillian Wick. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandee Owen; two sisters; and one brother. Funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with Pastor Dave Ballinger officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial at Catholic Cemetery, Decatur. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Thomas Edison Training Center, Van Wert, Ohio.

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