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Richard J. Gase, 84, of Decatur, passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Richard was a resident of St. Anne's Home in Fort. Wayne for the last 11 months.

He was the son of the late Philbert & Catherine (Dehner) Gase. Richard was born on November 19, 1923 in Adams County, Indiana. He married Phyllis A. Venus on August 23, 1947 and she died August 4, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Pam) Butcher of Decatur and Mrs. Kurt (Deb) Moehlenkamp of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mary Schnepf of Decatur and Gertie Welker of Sanibel Island, Florida.; and six grandchildren.

Preceding Richard in death was a son, Steven, in January of 1975; three brothers: Ambrose, Bernard, and Eugene Gase; two sisters, Sr. Catherine Marie, CSA, and Ann Fugit; six half-brothers; and one half-sister.

Richard was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur. He retired as an auto mechanic from Hi-way Service and D & R Body Shop, both in Decatur. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II.

Calling hours are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at St. Anne's Home Chapel in Fort Wayne and from 4-8 pm Thursday, August 28, 2008, at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur. Reciting of the Holy Rosary will be at 3:30 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

A 9:20 a.m. prayer service will be conducted on Friday, August 29, 2008, at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Father David Voors will be officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur, with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion Post #43 Color Guard.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church or St. Joseph Catholic School in Decatur.