

Earl M. Saunders III, 71, of rural Decatur, died at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the V.A. Hospital in Fort Wayne. Born on July 1, 1939 in Christiansburg, VA, he was the son of Earl M. Saunders Jr. and Clara A. (Sowers) Saunders. His father preceded him in death. He married Judith D. Saunders on October 21, 1961 and she also preceded him in death on September 28, 2007.



Earl served his country in the United States Army with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment "The Blackhorse". He was a member of the American Legion Post #43, The Blackhorse Association, Selective Service Committee, The Moose Lodge, Nipsco Club and the Grievance Committee Local 12775 Steelworkers.

Surviving is his mother Clara Saunders of Radford, VA; two sons Scott E. (Susan) Saunders of Indianapolis and David L. Saunders of Decatur; two daughters Lynn (Barney) Rickord of Decatur, IN and Laurie (Dave) Miller of Waterloo IN; three sisters Doris (Jack) Gillespie of Radford, VA, Patricia (Danny) Bishop of Christiansburg, VA and Sue (Rob) Sherwood of Pulaski, VA; 11 grandchildren. He is also preceded in death by a granddaughter Stefanie Rickord.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2010 at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. also at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites by American Legion Post #43.

Memorials may be made to the V.A. Hospital.

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