

Frank A. Whitacre, 74, of Decatur, IN passed away at 10:20 a.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at Adams Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 21, 1938 in Greenville, OH, the eldest son of the late Frank E. and Rosella H. (Elder) Whitacre. He married Marie L. Tricker on August 4, 1962.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and its St. Vincent De Paul Society. He provided counseling services to students at St. Joseph Catholic School and St. Mary's Social Services. He was a member of the Lions Club. He was the district spokesperson for the Leader Dogs for The Blind. He was the Grand Marshal of the Calathumpian Parade.

Frank served as a city councilman for Decatur from 1983 – 2006. He was an Industrial Arts Teacher for Belmont High School.

In 1996 he was the recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service. He received the Top Hat Award from St. Vincent De Paul Society. He was also a recipient of the Stephen Decatur Award and the Key to The City.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Marie L. Whitacre of Decatur; 2 sons Jeffrey J. Whitacre of Seminole, FL and Matthew S. (Beth) Whitacre of Zionsville; a daughter Kathleen S. (Kent) Koselke of Granger; 5 grandchildren Justin and Kelton Koselke, Caitlin Whitacre, Paul and Grace Whitacre; 7 siblings Raymond L. Whitacre of FL, Jim (Debbie) Whitacre of Waldron, Dorene Whitacre, Marlene (Stephen) King, Kenny Craig, and Ronnie (Tourchy) Craig all of Indianapolis; Don (Gini) Elder of Decatur and Plymouth.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home with a reciting of the Holy Rosary at 3:15 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church on Thursday, March 7, 2013. A private family prayer service will be held prior to the Mass at the funeral home. Concelebrating will be Fr. David Voors, Fr. Stephen Colchin, and Fr. Glenn Kahrman and burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society or to Leader Dogs for The Blind.

Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 3/4/13)