

Lester H. Burkhardt Jr., 89 of Decatur died May 7, 2012 at Woodcrest Nursing Center in Decatur. Lester was born on August 23, 1922 in Dexter, Kansas to the late Lester H. Burkhardt Sr and Hazel (Fornshell) Burkhardt. On April 6, 1947 he married Emma Kathleen Fennig.



Lester was a member of Zion United Church of Christ and served as a trustee for 3 ½ years. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #43 and the Moose Lodge #1311 both in Decatur.

He worked as a carpenter with Architectural Builders in Ft. Wayne for 20 years and Strickler Trailer Sales in Decatur for 12 years. He served his country during World War II in the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years Emma Kathleen Burkhardt of Decatur; 1 son Gary (Deborah L.) Burkhardt of Monroe; 1 daughter Lisa L. Kempa of Noblesville; a brother Charles Burkhardt of Marion; 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Visitation will be 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home.

Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Rossman officiating. Burial will take place in West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva with Military Graveside Rites by the American Legion Post #43 Color Guard.

Memorials may be made to Zion U.C.C. or Family Life Care Hospice.

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