

KENNETH E. "GENE" RICHARDS, 84, of Decatur, died on Wednesday, Sept, 15, 2010, at his residence. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior to services. Pastor Phillip Phifer officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010 at the funeral home. Burial in Decatur Cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Color Guard Post 43. Memorials to American Legion Color Guard, Zion Lutheran Church or Family Hospice & Palliative Care. To sign our guestbook, please click on [www.haggardandsefton.com](http://www.haggardandsefton.com)

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Kenneth E. "Gene" Richards, 84, of Decatur died at his residence on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. He was born in Decatur, Indiana on March 25, 1926 to the late Lester Eli and Viola May (Springer) Richards. On June 6, 1981 he married Beverly Kline.

Gene retired in 1981 from International Harvester after 35 ½ years of service. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #43 in Decatur. He served in United States Army Air Corp.

Survivors are his wife Beverly Richards of Decatur, IN; three sons Michael L. Richards of Washington State, Richard L. Krueckeberg of Ft. Wayne and David (Jen) Krueckeberg of Decatur; six daughters Darlene (Steve) Ehram of Coldwater, MI, Beth (David) Buhr, Lori Wietfeldt, Susan Fuelling all of Decatur, Lisa (James) Shrader of Waunakee, WI and Karen Smethers of Decatur; a sister Doris Riesen of Keystone, IN and her special friend Glenndale "Butch" Mosser of Geneva, IN; a brother-in-law John Alexander of Marshall, MI and a sister-in-law Patricia Richards of Decatur; 20 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his 1st wife Anna, a brother Jack, 2 sisters Helen Alexander and Beulah Gribler and a great granddaughter Natalie Roll.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 11:00 am at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home with visitation on Thursday, Sept. 16th from 4-8 pm and 1 hour prior to services. Pastor Phillip Phifer will be officiating and burial will be in Decatur cemetery with Military graveside rites by American Legion Color Guard Post 43.

Memorials are to American Legion Color Guard, Zion Lutheran Church or Family Hospice and Palliative Care.

**Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home online obits (accessed 9/18/2010)**