

CAMBRIDGE CITY - John Dode Roberson, 87, of rural Cambridge City passed away Sunday, July 13, 2008, at Dayton Veterans Medical Center.

He was born March 9, 1921, in Knox County, Ind., to Walter U. and Helen Sanders Roberson.

John was a 1940 graduate of Wheatland High School. He moved to Connersville to work at the American Kitchens factory in February 1942. From July 1942 to September 1945, he served in the Army Air Force #836 during World War II. Returning from the service, he worked in area factories, and from June 1960 to March 1977, owned and operated Roberson's Marathon service station in Cambridge City. He retired from the Merchandising Equipment Group in Cambridge City and then did light trucking jobs.

John was a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, where he served in various offices and committees, Cambridge Lodge 5 F.&A.M., Valley of Indianapolis Scottish Rite, Shrine Murat Temple of Indianapolis and the LeRoy Tout Post 338 of the American Legion in Dublin. He also was a member of the Cambridge City Town Board in 1976-1977.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Patricia E. Poer Roberson; daughter, Robin (John) Blair of Tucson, Ariz.; sons, Ted D., Steve and Tony, all of Cambridge City, and Thomas D. of South Bend; stepdaughter, Melissa (Randy) Caylor of Lewisville; and nine grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Reece Bryant, and a brother, Walter U. Roberson.

Funeral services will be at Waskom Capitol Hill Chapel in Cambridge City on Thursday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Arthur Whitaker officiating. Burial will follow in Ebenezer Cemetery southwest of Straughn, where there will be military graveside services by LeRoy Tout Post 338 and Cambridge City American Legion Post 169. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m., where there will be Masonic services at 7:30 p.m. by Cambridge Lodge 5.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church or LeRoy Tout Post 338.

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