



## Billy N. Scifres

February 16, 1925 - October 12, 2009

Billy N. Scifres, 84, passed away on Monday October 12th at Maple Park Village nursing home in Westfield, Indiana. He was born February 16, 1925 to the late Jacob and Laura Scifres in Crothersville, Indiana. He married Nancy C. Wellington on September 4, 1954. He is survived by his wife and their three daughters: Donna Riedel (Fred) of Cape May, New Jersey; Joan Kendall (Adam) of Greenwood, Indiana; Patty Rosini (Mauro) of Bahia, Mexico; and 5 grandchildren. He was active in conservation issues and loved the outdoors. Fishing, hunting, mushroom hunting and photography were some of his favorite activities to be done simultaneously if possible. He loved to cook, make wine, and plant vegetables gardens. He enjoyed staying fit by playing tennis and lifting weights. Bill was active in the Navy during World War II right out of high school. He attended Hanover College and Indiana University. He worked at the Indianapolis Star for 37 years as Outdoor Editor and writing the column **◆Lines and Shots◆**. He freelanced for outdoor magazines and published two books: **◆Indiana Outdoors◆** and **◆Bayou Bill◆s Best Stores◆**. After retiring, he continued his column for several of Indiana◆s local papers. He received many awards for his writing and conservation work: Hanover◆s Lifetime Achievement Award, Sagamore of the Wabash from Purdue, Conservation Communications Award from the National Wildlife Federation and Conservationist of the Year from Indiana Wildlife Federation, and was elected to the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. Bill◆s story telling, knowledge and love of the outdoors will be missed. A celebration of his life will

be held at Fishers Shirley Brothers Mortuary at 9900 Allisonville Road. Visitation will be held Friday, October 16, 2009 from 4pm to 7pm. Funeral service will be Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 12 p.m. at the Fishers Shirley Brothers Mortuary. Memorial contributions in Bill's honor may be made to the Indiana Wildlife Federation in lieu of flowers.