



## Estel Y. Sowder

May 26, 1921 - October 15, 2015

Estel Y. Sowder,

94, of Indianapolis, passed away October 15, 2015. He was born May 26, 1921 in Marshall, IN, to the late Arthur C. and Mary Yancey Sowder. Estel was a graduate of Arsenal Tech High School. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean War. Estel married Erma J. Lang, and was employed in Research & Development for Allison Transmissions for 30 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of Irvington Masonic Lodge #666 F.&A.M., V.F.W. Post #261 and the American Legion Post #495.

Estel is survived by his loving children, Deborah D. Alderson (Frank) and Michael R. Harner (Lori); brother, Arthur Sowder; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Estel's wife, Erma J. Sowder; and siblings, Hazel Bergman, Harry Sowder, Erma Taylor and Helen Mahan, preceded him in death.

Final care and arrangements are private and entrusted to Shirley Brother Washington Memorial Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

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