



## Forrest Gene Runyon

July 16, 1924 - February 22, 2010

85, of Indianapolis, went to be with the Lord, February 22, 2010. He was born July 16, 1924, to the late Ora Asa and Iola G. (Weber) Runyon. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Gene served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force. He married Frances A. Weber, and in the 1960s and 70s he owned and operated the Runyon Caf. Gene then became a tool and die maker for General Motors in the Allison Division, retiring in 1989. Gene enjoyed memberships in the Masonic Lodge Englewood #715, the Scottish Rite, the American Legion, and the Murat Shrine. As a Shriner, Gene transported children to various Shriners hospitals, and enjoyed woodworking often making toys for children. He was a member of Franklin Road Baptist Church. Visitation will be Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. with funeral services Friday at 10:00 a.m. Gene is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Frances A. Runyon; daughter, Patricia Tansy (Christopher); grandsons, Nicholas A. and Jacob M. Tansy; and several nieces and nephews. A son, Charles G. Runyon, preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to any Shriners Children's Hospital, [www.shrinershq.org/hospitals/](http://www.shrinershq.org/hospitals/).