



Francis Hayden Richardson

January 7, 1913 - April 13, 2007

Francis Hayden Red Richardson, born in West Baden, IN, January 7, 1913, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2007 at age 94. He was a resident of Wanamaker, IN. He is survived by his children John, Patricia Thuer and William and his step-children Barbara Livsey and Steven Grubbs, 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He outlived wives Helen Mary Allen and Helen Cross Grubbs. Wife Helen Mary Allen died in 1962 and wife Helen Cross Grubbs died in 1998. Hayden graduated from West Baden High School, first in his class, in 1931. His name is in the Indiana State Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle. He graduated from Rose-Hulman (then Polytechnic) Institute in 1935, where he was on the baseball, basketball, and football teams. He earned his P.E. in civil engineering. His first job was in the Panama Canal Zone and then worked for the Indiana State Highway Commission, retiring as head of the bridge design department in 1973. Hayden served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reaching the rank of Lt. Col. He commanded various engineering battalions in north Africa, Italy and France during World War II and during the Korean conflict. He was awarded two Bronze stars. Hayden continued service in the U.S. Army Reserve and retired as a Lt. Col. In 1973. F.H. was a member of Nativity Catholic Church in Wanamaker and worked out at the Ardizzone & Nalley gym until the last week of his life. He supported many charities, but especially the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the American Cancer Society. Viewing will be Monday, April 16 from 4-8 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington

St. and services will be Tuesday, April 17, 10 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church in Wanamaker.