



James Clayton Ison

January 5, 1912 - January 14, 2008

James ♦Jay♦ C. Ison, 96, of Carmel, passed away on January 14, 2008. He was born January 5, 1912, one of ten children of James and Martha Ison. He was a graduate of Greencastle High School class of 1931. Jay served during World War II with the United States Elite 343rd Black Hawk Infantry Regiment where he was commissioned from the ranks in Mannheim Germany for an act of outstanding merit where as First Sargent; he assumed command and brought his outfit through a dangerous situation with minimum casualties. After Military service, Jay worked for International Harvester until his retirement in 1973. An avid bowler, Jay was actively participating in League bowling well after his 90th birthday and was honored by the Indianapolis Star after bowling a 700 series just shy of his 78th birthday. Jay will be fondly remembered by all who knew him as always having ready smile and a warm ♦Hello♦. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 17 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., with services following at 1:00 p.m. James is survived by his daughters, Betty (Dan) McCoun and Sherri (Harry) Elston; sister, Juanita Oliver; grandchildren, Lisa (Mark) Davis, Erin (Ted) Jahanshahi, Lauren and Leah Elston, and five great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent Hospice.