



John Richard "Dick" Coffin

July 8, 1917 - May 29, 2012

94, of Crawfordsville, passed away May 29, 2012. He was born July 8, 1917, in Indianapolis, to the late James and Betty Smith Coffin. John served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII, and married Virginia Dale Harrell, who preceded him in death in 1998. John was employed with the Indianapolis Fire Department, Station 21, retiring in 1973, after 27 years of service. After retirement, John enjoyed life at Holiday Lake, fishing, playing cards, and gardening. Visitation will be Sunday, June 3, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. with funeral services Monday at 10:00 a.m. John is survived by his children, Richard (Melva) Coffin and Dianne (David) Vie; siblings, Robert (Audrey) Coffin and Doris (Raymond) McGary; sister-in-law, Mary Belle Coffin; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren (two on the way); and one great-great-grandson. John was a dedicated, respected, honest, loving, hardworking, dependable, kind, inventive, decent man. Whatever he undertook was done to perfection; from mowing grass to raising a family. John profoundly affected every person lucky enough to have known him.