



John "J.A." or "Jay" Albert Neeley

March 14, 1923 - January 20, 2011

87, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on January 20, 2011. Known as J.A. or Jay to family and friends, he was born to Clarence and Maxie Sharp Neeley in Glasgow, KY, on March 14, 1923, and grew up in nearby Burkesville. Following high school, he served in the U.S. Army as a radio operator on the European front during WWII. He later attended Western Kentucky University. In 1948 John married the former Shirley Deer and relocated to Indianapolis where he began his career as a machinist. Moving into management, he was night shift superintendent at Indiana Gear Works/Buehler Corporation for a number of years, then at Reeder and Kline, where he retired in 1989. He enjoyed watching baseball, football and basketball, working crossword puzzles, and feeding the squirrels. In addition to his wife of 62 years, John is survived by his three children, Cindy and husband Harry Wenz, Stacey and husband Donnie Jones, Jason and wife Karen Neeley; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Howard, and three sisters, Nelle Neeley, Mary Helen Bow, and Bernice Watson. Visitation will be Monday, January 24, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of services at 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Outreach Food Pantry, 7995 E. 21st St., 46219.