



## John V. Messersmith

September 11, 1926 - March 8, 2017

John V. Messersmith, 90, on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 made his last flight and touched the hand of God. John was born September 11, 1926 to the late Carl B. and Ruby F. Sample Messersmith. He was a 1945 graduate of Arsenal Technical High School, a member of Calvary Baptist Church, a Korean War veteran, married to Mary E. Bennett Messersmith for 67 years, and a 39-year employee of Reel Pipe and Valve Company. Next to singing in church choirs and the Indy Chapter of Barber Shop singing in America, John found joy soaring in hot air balloons, flying in vintage WWII planes and taking vacation time to work on the fair train.

Visitation will be Friday, March 10, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. and Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 3255 N. German Church Road, with services immediately following.

John is survived by wife, Mary and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by parents; brother, Robert C. Messersmith and sister, Ruth L. Noffke.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church  
3255 N. German Church Road  
Indianapolis, IN

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church  
3255 N. German Church Road  
Indianapolis, IN

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“ *The children of Jim and Dorothy Catellier purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John V. Messersmith.*



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**The children of Jim and Dorothy Catellier** - March 10, 2017 at  
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