



Kenneth O. Drake

August 23, 1921 - August 31, 2007

Kenneth O. Drake, 86, Fishers, passed away August 31, 2007. He was born August 23, 1921 in Shelby County, Indiana. Kenneth was a former P.O.W. with the 101st Airborne Division during WWII. He was deployed on D-Day 1944 to Utah Beach. He was captured during Operation Market Basket in Holland in 1944. Kenneth was also an active member of the P.O.W. Hoosier Chapter and a lifetime member of the 101st Airborne Association. He worked as a dye setter for Chrysler for 32 years, retiring in 1984. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 5 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd., with funeral services Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Kenneth is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Velma Drake; son, Alan (Anita) Drake; daughter, Candy (Kurt) Ottenbacher; sister, Mary (Paul) Holdsworth; and two grandchildren, Shawn and Jeramy Drake; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Pauline Tidemann and Beatrice Howell. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Former P.O.W.s, 1331 S. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.