



Ralph E. Schmid

November 2, 1919 - January 19, 2007

RALPH E. SCHMID, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away January 19, 2007. Ralph was born November 2, 1919 to Ralph Sr. and Muriel Schmid in Indianapolis. After his parents divorced when he was 6 years old, he lived with his grandparents, John and Ida Snedaker. Ralph Graduated from Tech High School in 1937. He also attended Purdue University. He was enlisted in the US Army Air Corps as a radio mechanic where he served in Georgia, Alabama, Illinois, and Texas until he was honorably discharged in 1945. He married Bernice Smith on December 5, 1942. They had two daughters, Sheryl Steele, and Donna Wilson. In 2002 they celebrated 60 years of marriage. He worked while going to school and started his own business, Schmid T.V. Sales and Service. Then he worked for Naval Avionics. Ralph owned and operated Ye Old Ford Shop for 11 years while he drove a school bus for Warren Central High School. He retired in 1983. Ralph was an avid stamp collector and model railroad enthusiast. Besides his wife and 2 daughters, Mr. Schmid is survived by his 5 grandchildren; Donald Wilson Jr., Daniel Wilson, Deanna Whetstone, Nicole Gooch, Paula Grande, and 8 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Sunday, January 21 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Services will be Monday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. at Cumberland Christian Church, 39 N. Starter St. Indianapolis.