



Robert E. Keithley

July 14, 1933 - August 28, 2009

Robert E. Keithley, 76, formerly of Greencastle and Indianapolis, passed away August 28, 2009 at his Mississippi residence. He was the son of Goldie Irene Garringer and Harold Willis Keithley, who have preceded him in death. He married Elenore Frances Kidwell October 16, 1954, and she preceded him in death June 23, 2007. Bob served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from May 1951 to May 1954. He became a fireman for the Indianapolis Fire Department on September 12, 1957, being promoted to Lieutenant on January 12, 1977, presented with Fireman of the Year award in 1981, and retired April 3, 1989 after 31 ♦ years of service. Visitation will be Tuesday, September 1 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St., with funeral services Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Surviving are his loving children, Karen Thornburgh and husband, Larry, Mississippi; Laura Keithley, Robin Goff and husband Ron, Greencastle; Robert Keithley II and wife Linda, Morristown; Curtis Kleeman and wife Annette, Nashville; Rita Wells and husband Kent, Round Rock, Texas; James Keithley and wife Michelle, Phoenix, Arizona; 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters; Myrtle, Mary and Bonnie; brothers, Harold and James, and a great-grandson, Jonathan Strong.