



Robert Gordon Turpin

May 23, 1922 - April 18, 2010

Robert ♦Bob♦ Gordon Turpin⁸⁷, of Indianapolis, died Sunday, April 18, 2010 in Greenwood. Bob was born on May 23, 1922 in Indianapolis to Francis and Vera (Proctor) Turpin. He graduated from Emmerich Manuel High School in 1940, and attended the Herron School of Art. In 1942 he married Velma Gene Emrich and in February, 2010, they celebrated their 68th anniversary. Bob was an art director for 45 years for Quinlan, Keene, Peck & McShay, Inc., an Indianapolis advertising agency, from which he retired in 1985. He also used his artistic talents to create work that was used for various divisions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bob was a charter member of Southport Christian Church (DOC) and was active in various humanitarian efforts including Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and the Olive Branch Christian Church food pantry. Survivors include his wife, Velma Gene; brothers, Richard and Donald (Nancy) Turpin; sons, Robert (Kathy) and Dennis Turpin; daughters, Deborah (Paul) Basham and Patricia (Michael) Peck. Survivors also include his 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, as well as many loving neighbors and friends. A memorial visitation will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Southport Christian Church, 201 E. Epler Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227, with a memorial service Thursday at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Parkinson ♦s Foundation or Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements have been entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.