



Robert W. Winko

September 10, 1926 - August 12, 2010

Robert W. Winko 83, of Indianapolis, passed away at home the evening of August 12, 2010. He was born September 10, 1926 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Thelma English and Wendel H. Winko who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Barbaralea Winko on May 2, 2010, as well as his brothers Wendel Henry Winko II, Harold Quinn Winko, and George Cecil Winko, and sister Frances Kirkindoll. During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 16, serving on destroyer escorts. He was retired from Conrail, was a flagsman for Art Zipp's Speedway, later the Speedrome, a referee for professional wrestling in the State of Indiana, and a Marion County Reserve Sheriff. He was a member of Englewood Lodge, Scottish Rite, and the Murat Shrine. Survivors include daughter, Sharon Winko of Nineveh, son, Gary Winko and wife Jody of Indianapolis, grandsons, Chris Winko of Terre Haute, Barry Winko and wife Stacy of Indianapolis, and Nick Winko of Indianapolis, great-grandsons, Tristan and Isaiah Winko of Indianapolis, sisters, Mary Roberts and Thelma Smith both of Shreveport, Louisiana and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. on Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with services on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.