

## BAYS JR., Henry Clay



June 8, 1936-June 17, 2006

Henry Clay Bays Jr., 70, Michigan City, and formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006, at St. Anthony Memorial Health Center, Michigan City.

He was born in Hammond June 8, 1936, to Henry Clay and Geraldine (Adelsperger) Bays. He married Velma Hibbs Feb. 20, 1954, in Wheatfield.

He graduated from Wheatfield High School. He worked at Community Hospital of Anderson as assistant director of plant operations and also worked at Howard Community Hospital. He was in the Army for three years, then re-enlisted with the Navy. He was a member of the American Legion, Portage, American Hospital Association, National Fire Protection Agency, Knights of Columbus Council 656 and St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Survivors include eight daughters and spouses, Lisa and Mark Kirby, Kokomo, Kim Davis and significant other Dick Wilson, Kokomo, Christy and Lee Kirby, Kokomo, Cheryl and Tim Paluszewski, South Bend, Jean and Phillip Collin, Michigan City, Stacie and Jack Justice, Kokomo, Nina Bullock, South Bend, Beth and Bill Householder, Kokomo; two sons and spouses, Mark and Cheryl (Dixon) Bays and James Selby and significant other Melissa Bannister all of Kokomo; 21 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; seven sisters and spouses, Marianne and Harold Wirtz, Merrillville, Phyllis and Robert Hansen, Montgomery, Texas, DeEtte and Tony Wirtz, Lake Station, Frances and Joseph Plemich, Huntington, W. Va., Evelyn Bays, Crown Point, Susan Bays, Quincy, Ill. and Sarah and Robert Beckmann, Farmington, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, in-laws, one sister-in-law, three brothers-in-law, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

A Mass of Christian burial will be 11a.m. Wednesday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1229 N. Washington St., Kokomo, with Rev. Ted Dudzinski officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery with full military rites conducted by the VFW Military Rites Team.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Ellers Mortuary Main St. Chapel, 725 South Main St., Kokomo, where a Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. There will be calling from 10 a.m. until service time at the church Wednesday.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Arthur B. & Ethel V. Horton, Visiting Nurse Service Hospice, 2404 Valparaiso St., Valparaiso 46383.

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