

## DENSBORN, Ralph M.



Aug. 28, 1927 - Sept. 8, 2006

Ralph Martin Densborn, 79, Kokomo, died at 11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at Howard Regional Health System. He was born Aug. 28, 1927, in Kokomo, the son of R.C. "Jim" and Ruby Deisch Densborn. On May 1, 1954, he married Gloria Dane, who died April 22, 1989. He was a 1945 graduate of Kokomo High School. He was a veteran of the Navy, serving during World War II. Ralph owned two service stations, the first being Ralph and Punchy's Marathon, with Punchy Cone, and the second being Densborn's Sunoco Station on West Sycamore across from St. Joseph Hospital. Other employment included Ray Hobbs Auto Electric, Shirley's Home Furnishings, Don Lowry Lanes, Chippendale Golf Course, Woody's Convenience Store, and DL&T Pro Sort. Ralph loved to bowl and it was that love which resulted in his induction into the Kokomo Bowling Hall of Fame in 1998. He held many city-bowling records and participated in many local, state and national tournaments. During the times Ralph's youngest sister, Rosemary, was a patient at St. Joseph Hospital, his nieces and nephews would sometimes stay at the Sunoco Station while their father visited Rosie. On many of those visits, they entertained themselves by jumping repeatedly on the service bell. He never said a word to them about the constant dinging. Thanks, Uncle Ralph.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandy Densborn, Fishers; one sister, Rowena "Betty" Stouse, Kokomo; sisters-in-law, Betty Lou Densborn, Kokomo, and Vera Densborn, Lafayette; brothers-in-law, William Dane, Peru, James Dane, Green Valley, Ariz., and Junior Milam, Kokomo; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, Robert Densborn and R.J. "Jimmy" Densborn; one sister, Rosemary Densborn Root.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with the Rev. Fr. Frank Kilcline officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors provided by the United States Navy and the VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time. Online condolences may be left at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com)

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