RICHARD 'DICK' STOECKINGER

May 30, 1918 -- May 21, 2004

Richard "Dick" F. Stoeckinger, 85, Rural Route 3, Kokomo, died at 1:49 a.m. Friday May 21, 2004, at his residence. He was born May 30, 1918, in Mishawaka, a son of Franz X. and Mabel (Irion) Stoeckinger. On Jan. 29, 1949, in Kokomo, he married Mildred I. "Connie" (Condo) Stoeckinger. She died Oct. 26, 1996.

He worked for 37 years from June of 1946 until June of 1983 for Cabot Corp. as a mechanical engineer. He was a 1936 graduate of Mishawaka High School and a 1940 graduate of Purdue University.

He served in the Army in World War II. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kokomo, VFW Post 1152, Kokomo, Elks Lodge 190, Kokomo and he was a past commander of the American Legion in Walton. He enjoyed woodworking and playing euchre.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary P. and Rickey Byous, Kokomo, son, John W. "Bill" Stoeckinger, Bennetts Switch; grandchildren, Rickey, Melissa, Michael, Stacy and John; great-grandchildren, Jasmine, Katelyn and Brian; brother, John H. Stoeckinger, Carmel; sister, Katherine Gladden, Indianapolis; sister, Rita and Dr. Victor Johnson, Evansville, sister-in-law, Janet Stoeckinger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one great-grandson, Joshua Height; and three brothers.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, 320 W. Broadway, Kokomo. The Rev. Fr. Frank Kilcline will officiate. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, with graveside military rites.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, 401 S. California, Galveston. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick Church Building Fund.

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