



Ernest Witham

September 6, 1917 - May 2, 2008

Ernest F. Witham, age 90, at rest May 2, 2008. He was the beloved husband of the late Gloria Witham, loving father of Christine (Robert) Keller, Thomas G. Witham and the late Shelley E. Witham; dearest grandfather of Brian (Jana) Keller, Jeffrey Keller and great grandson Oliver; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Ernie was a lifelong resident of Miller, IN and parishioner of St. Mary of the Lake Church. His career spanned 41 years with the U.S. Postal Service. He was a distinguished veteran of WWII, having attained the rank of Captain in the US Air Force who flew B-24s and B-17s in both the European (34 missions) and Pacific (Air Sea Rescue) theaters. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was a charter member of the Miller American Legion Post 279 for 60 years.

Ernie was an avid gardener who brought joy to many through his lovely flowers and delicious vegetables that everyone looked forward to. He was known by all as a "Gentleman", champion of the underdog, and a generous and loving man of deep faith in his God and country. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. DIRECTLY at St. Mary of the Lake Church, 6060 Miller, Ave. Gary, IN. Rev. Thomas E. Mischler officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Friends may visit with the family on Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, IN. American Legion Post 279 service will be at 7:00 p.m. and Prayer service will

be at 7:30 p.m.