



Gerald L. Rich

March 27, 1924 - May 5, 2011

Gerald Leon Rich, Sr. (Bud) age 87 of Portage, IN passed away on May 5, 2011 at his

daughter's home in Kissimmee, FL.

Gerald was born on March 27, 1924 to Everett and Cora Stewart Rich in Sullivan, IN.

Gerald served in the US Army Air Force and was a veteran of World War 11. He was aretired ore dock electrical supervisor atUS Steel-Gary Works for 35 years.

Gerald was preceded in death by hiswife of 49 years, Ilia Baker, one granddaughter, Lisa Leeper, son-in-law Lee Ashby, six sisters: Mildred, Mary, Lucille, Kathryn,

Louise, and Thelma; three brothers:

George, Donald, and Harold.Survivors include: one son, GeraldL. (Rosanna) Rich, Jr. of Portage; one daughter, Rita J. Ashby of Kissimmee, FL;one grandson Eric (Rachel) Swaney of Portage; and many nieces and nephews.Gerald loved to garden and had pretty flowers everywhere; he will be dearly

missed by his family and friends.

To celebrate his home going, family andfriends are invited to gather at CentralAvenue Church Of God, 5120 Central Ave. inPortage on Saturday May 21 at 2 pm;with Pastor Bob Burton.officiating. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Portage.