



Robert Packham

February 21, 1922 - June 20, 2008

Robert C. "Packy" Packham, age 86, a lifelong Hobart resident, passed away Friday, June 20, 2008. He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran and was a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge and the D-Day landing. He received 3 Bronze Stars, 3 Purple Hearts and a Distinguished Unit Badge and was a member of the 40/8. He was the last surviving Charter Member of Hobart VFW Post 5365 and a member and Past Commander of Hobart American Legion Post 54. Bob retired as a foreman from NIPSCO with 33 years of service. He was a member of St. Bridget Church, and BPOE Hobart Elks Lodge #1152 where he was named Elk of the Year 1998-99. He was also Grand Marshall of the 2001 Hobart 4th of July Parade. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Patricia R. Packham in 1998. He is survived by sons Gregory C. Packham of Lompoc, CA and Robert C. (Barbara) Packham, Jr. of Hobart; 5 grandchildren Christal, Amanda, Adam, Shana and Chelsey; and 2 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Monday, June 23, 2008 at 12 noon at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart. Rev. Dominic V. Bertino officiating. Entombment at Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso, IN. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Hobart. There will be a combined Hobart VFW and American Legion service at 7 p.m. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Gary and Janet,

I wanted to offer my prayers with you all:

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and suffering is over
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And he came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is still work waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth-
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is completed,
He will gently call you home;*

*Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

GOD Bless you all during these times,

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