



Verne E. Washburn

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Verne Elliott Washburn, January 9, 1921 - April 18, 2011. After 90 good years, Verne went to be with the Lord peacefully from his home in Merrillville, IN. He was the dedicated husband and soul mate of Rosalee for 65 years, loving father to Jim (Char) of Kenilworth, IL, Rick (Cindy) of Merrillville and the late Gregg (1957-1976); adoring grandfather of Doug, Scott, Ashley and Kelsey and special uncle to niece, Cindy DeVaney. Verne was preceded in death by his parents, Verne and Maude Washburn and his sister, Patricia DeVaney. During the war Verne served in the Air Force and met the love of his life, Rosalee Austin. He spent his life working with his father at Washburn Realtors, which under his guidance became Washburn Builders and Developers. Over the years he built hundreds of homes and developed several subdivisions in Northwest Indiana. In his later years he continued his education and became a respected appraiser and worked until the age of 86. Verne enjoyed worship at First Presbyterian Church of Crown Point and as a cancer survivor, he will be remembered for his quiet faith and trust in the Lord. He was the longest active member at Innsbrook (Gary) Country Club. He enjoyed playing and watching the game of golf and passed on that love of the game to his wife, sons and grandchildren. Verne was an inspiration in his appreciation of family and friends and the sheer joy in his career throughout his life. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church of Crown Point, 218 S. Court St., Crown Point at 10 a.m., Rev. John Johnson officiating. Entombment in the Mausoleum at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. Friends are invited to meet with the family on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point and on Wednesday at the church from 9-10 a.m. www.burnsfuneral.com