



Willard Gordon Ashley

March 3, 1920 - October 8, 2008

Willard Gordon Ashley, Sr., age 88 of Merrillville, passed away Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

“Gordy” was born in Joliet, Illinois, on March 3, 1920. He retired from the E. J. & E. Railroad, as a railroad engineer after 40 years of service. His hobbies were trains and woodworking. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He was a veteran of WWII – serving in India, and a member of the American Legion, post 94.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Edwy Ashley and Ellen Reading; his sisters: Ruthie of Illinois and Harriet Dent of Hobart and brother: Frank Ashley of Rule, TX.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years: June (Liskey) Ashley of Merrillville; children: Leslie (Joseph) Ritter of Michigan City, Willard (Donna) Ashley, Jr. of New Carlisle; Susan (Brian) Peterson of Valparaiso, Sharon (Joseph) Zych of Lowell, Barbara (Thomas) Palansky of Lowell and Robert Ashley of Portage. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services Monday, October 13, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point with Rev. Paul Anderson officiating.

Interment Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville. Friends and relatives may visit with the family at the Burns Funeral Home on Sunday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts are with you today.
May your good memories be with you today, and always.
Sincerely,
Nora* *##imported-begin##Nora Hansen##imported-end##*

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