

Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - Thursday, September 17, 2009

Ralph "Toby" Reef, 81, of Decatur, died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday in Adams Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

He was born in Adams County on November 4, 1927, to Adam A. and Ruth E. Butcher Reef.

He married Virginia L. Harrell on January 24, 1948, in Decatur; she survives.

He worked at Adams County Trailer Sales for 40 years and for Quality Service Center Inc. for five and a half years.

During World War II, he served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Ocean theater of operations.

He was a member of Cornerstone Community Church and American Legion Post 43, both in Decatur.

Other survivors are three sons, Thomas L. Reef (and wife Linda) of New Haven; Gregory B. Reef (and wife Becky) of Albion;; and Mark S. Reef (and wife Stephanie) of Logansport; one sister, Phyllis Rayer of Decatur; one sister-in-law, Martha Reef of Decatur; one brother-in-law, Ed Summers of Decatur; two granddaughters; four grandsons; and four greatgranddaughters.

Two brothers, Blaine and Lloyd Reef, and one sister, Kathryn Summers, are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with Pastor Mark Beers officiating.

Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery, with military graveside services by the color guard from American Legion Post 43.

Visiting hours are 2-5 and 6:30-8 p.m. Friday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeast Indiana, in Berne.

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