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James W. King

Nov. 1, 1909 - Feb. 2, 2006

James W. King, 96, Waterford Place, went to be with the Lord at 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at the facility. He was born Nov. 1, 1909, in Huntington County, the son of Watt and Mattie (Purviance) King. He married Edna L. Carl in Marion on June 29, 1929, and following her death Jan. 20, 1981, he married Ellen Julian in New Castle on Nov. 13, 1982, and she died in 1992.

Jim was a 1928 graduate of Banquo High School in Huntington County. After graduating from the Marion Business College, he was employed at Case Electric in Marion. In 1937, he moved his family to Kokomo, where he went to work for GM Delco Radio. In 1946, Jim left the factory and formed a partnership with Homer Johnson in the King and Johnson Kalamazoo Appliance Store. He later purchased Johnson's share of the business and established King's Heating & Plumbing, a prominent Kokomo enterprise. Jim officially retired in 1980 as president of King's Heating & Plumbing, but continued to remain active in the business.

Jim was a 68-year member of Courtland Avenue Friends Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher, church treasurer, and member of the Ministry and Council of the church. He was a member of OMS (Men for Missions), the Gideons International, and through the years, he was an avid supporter of the Kokomo Rescue Mission. He enjoyed fishing at the family lake home and took many fishing trips to Wisconsin.

Survivors include one son, Ronald G. King and his wife, Jan; one daughter, Carolin R. Smalley and her husband, Jack, all of Kokomo; a stepdaughter, Judith Hostetler and her husband, Charles, New Castle; a stepdaughter-in-law, Nancy Ann Julian, Kokomo; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jean and Phil Murdock, Jay M. and Karen King, Jerry J. and Terri King, Connie and Peter Leonard, J. Mark and Joan Smalley, Julie and Doug Egge, Jayne and Doug Dewire, and Jay R. and Hope Davis; 20 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives; one son, Roger L. King; one stepson, John F. Julian; three brothers and one sister.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with the Rev. Harold Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3 until 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to The Kokomo Rescue Mission with envelopes available at the funeral home.