MIDDLETOWN - Walter Clifton Robbins passed away peacefully on Sunday 1 July at the home of his son and in the presence of his family.

Walt was the fourth child of six, and the second son, of Oscar Clifton and Grace Gertrude Foulke Robbins. He was born on 19 March 1918 in Hamilton County, Indiana and lived with his family in Hamilton, Henry, and Randolph Counties.

He entered the U.S. Army on 1 Dec 1942 and saw World War II service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was wounded at Inden, Germany on 28 Nov 1944, and was hospitalized in France, and England. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Walt was honorably discharged on 9 Oct 1945 from Camp San Luis Obispo, California.

While on leave, he and Norma Louise Haas were married in Muncie, Indiana on 29 May 1943. The couple lived in Muncie, then on farms near Eaton and homes near Daleville and Yorktown. After the death of his wife Walt moved back to Muncie and finally to Middletown.

Walt worked at Chevrolet Muncie, retiring in 1981 after thirty-five years of service.

Walt was an avid bowler and golfer. He bowled with his many friends at Munsee Lanes and golfed at Ayco for many years where he got a hole-in-one.

Survivors include his son, Walt, Jr. (Tina), Middletown and Janet Robbins, Muncie. His son Phil passed away in 1977. Grandchildren include, Kelly Mathews, (Tim) Daleville, Kevin Robbins, Florida; Jeff Robbins (Leslie), Yorktown; Scott Robbins (Crissy), Muncie and David Robbins (Tracy), Texas. He also will be missed by his several great and great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Walt also leaves behind his special friends, Penny Hess, Bobby King, Billy Mullis and Wilma Finch

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Phil in 1977; his wife, Norma in 2004 and by his brothers, Myron and Milton and his sisters, Ina, Mary and Esther.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel. Burial will follow in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, north of Muncie. Military Rites will be conducted by The United States Army and the Veterans of Delaware County.

Family and friends may call from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospice, 2401 University Ave., Muncie, IN 47303. The family wishes to thank and praise all the support from the wonderful Hospice team.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at http://www.meeksmortuary.com .

Muncie StarPress Online, 3 July 2012