

Russell A. Sherrill

Occupant Name: Russell A. Sherrill

Location: **Section 4, Lot 24**

Date of Birth: 8/27/1923

Date of Death: 11/30/2010

Date of Burial: 12/3/2010

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: Russell Sherrill

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Russell Arthur "Russ" Sherrill, 87, of Medora, Indiana, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at the Bloomington Hospital, Bloomington, Indiana.

Russell was a member of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II, assigned to the 3rd Army of the 735th Tank Battalion as a gunner in the lead tank. He received three bronze stars, the Prisoner of War Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. He had been captured as a prisoner in the Battle of Fort Durant under the leadership of General Patton. Russ was a retired banker, serving as the cashier at the Citizens State Bank in Brownstown from 1950 to 1966. He then accepted the position of President and Director at the State Bank of Medora, retiring completely as a Director in 2002. He also had served 16 years on the Board of Directors at Schneck Medical Center; and served as treasurer of the Brownstown Elementary School building fund. After retirement, he enjoyed grain farming and raising beef cattle. He was a member of American Legion Post 112, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Indiana Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Born August 27, 1923 in Lawrence County, IN, he was a son of the late Willie C. and Ida B. Speer Sherrill. On March 14, 1954 at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, he married Charlotte Lucas who survives. They were married for 56 years.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three daughters, Donna (Mike) Penn, Debra (Steve) Burcham, and Diane (Charles) Coon; two sisters, Martha Scott and Betty Lockman; 10 grandchildren, Sarah Penn, Hannah Penn, Rachel Penn, Leah Penn, Joshua Penn, Clint (Ashley) Burcham, Krista (David) Garrison, Brent Burcham, Alisha Coon, Alivia Coon; two step grandchildren, Ami (Dewey) Pennington and Mark (Kendra) Coon; five great grandchildren and two step great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, a son, David Arthur Sherrill preceded in death in 1974; and two sisters, Juanita Harrison and Dorothy Dietz, preceded in death.

Funeral service for Russell Arthur Sherrill will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, at Spurgeon Funeral Home, Inc., of Brownstown, Indiana, with Hurschell Joslin and Ken Jorgens officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Brownstown, with full military graveside rites by VFW Post 1925, American Legion Post 89, Disabled American Veterans 47, and Korea and Vietnam Veterans No.7.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010 at Spurgeon Funeral Home, Inc., Brownstown, and from 10 a.m. Friday until time of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be written to Hoosier Christian Village Auxiliary, or the donor's choice.

