



Ralph I. Hittle

February 21, 1919 - February 4, 2015

Ralph, I. Hittle, beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at his home in Spencer at the age of 95.

Ralph was born in Indianapolis on February 21, 1919 to John G. and Lois (Disney) Hittle. The love of his life, whom he married on August 14, 1938, Maxine (Lovell) Hittle still survives Ralph. After his marriage to Maxine, Ralph was drafted as a Private First Class in the 30th Infantry Division of the Army during WWII. He earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service. After returning home from the service, he began his career with Allison Engineering Experimental Plant 8 where he assisted in preparing the fuel tanks for the moon missions. He was an elder and deacon in the Gosport Christian Church and taught bible study at the Gosport Nursing Home for 27 years. He was a member of the Southport Masonic Lodge #270. Ralph also drove a school bus for Spencer/Owen Schools. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his family creating memories at their home on Locust Lake. His grandchildren were his world and he will be sorely missed by all of his family.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Maxine Hittle; children, Thomas Hittle (Shirley) of Franklin, Sandra Hurst of Indianapolis, and Becky Reynolds (Jim) of Spencer; sister, Lois Lyday of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren, twenty one great-grandchildren, and sixteen great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Chandler Funeral Home-Whitaker Chapel in Gosport on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Scott Porter and Pastor Norman Ward officiating. Burial will follow at Orchard Hill/Wannamaker Cemetery near Indianapolis. Friends may call upon the family at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 until 6:00.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

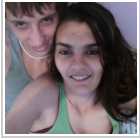
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Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I remember all times we shared together when he came over to visit with the family we grandpa and i would sit out side and talk about how things were back in the day and what WWII was like and how it felt to be a true American hero yiu will be greatly missed love you Grandpa Hittle

Josh Mcintosh - February 08, 2015 at 11:31 AM



“ Grandpa Hittle was a great man and wonderful family man. He wasn't my family by blood but part of our adopted family. My prayers and thoughts are with all of his family.



Angie Miles - February 08, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph I. Hittle.



February 07, 2015 at 06:06 PM



“ Grandpa Hittle was always very kind to me. He just treated me like one of the kids, even though I was not related. His good humor and general goodness always made me feel like family.



Barbara Page - February 06, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph I. Hittle.*



February 06, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph I. Hittle.*



February 06, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ralph I. Hittle.*



February 06, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ *My heart is sad at the passing of such an honorable man, We can rejoice in believing he is walking those streets of gold . Imagine how happy he is to see Jesus face to face.. May you find comfort in knowing he is in GODS care.. my love to all Sharlyne*

SHARLYNE WILSON - February 05, 2015 at 08:48 PM

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“ *SHARLYNE WILSON lit a candle in memory of Ralph I. Hittle*



SHARLYNE WILSON - February 05, 2015 at 08:37 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph I. Hittle.*



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