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Irvin W. Grist

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Irvin W. Grist, 85, of North Manchester, IN, and a former employee of a Bippus, IN, business, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Mr. Grist, a 1941 graduate of Chester High School, served in World War II with the 339th Engineering Construction Battalion. He worked with his father at Grist Builders Supply Inc., in North Manchester from 1946 until his retirement in 1984. Following retirement, he worked part time for Star Excavating, Bippus, until 2004.

He was a member of Deming Lodge 88 F&AM, North Manchester; a member of the York Rite, Fort Wayne, where he received a Knight of York Cross of Honor in 1978; and a member of Knights Templar of Wabash Commandry 37, where he served as eminent commander in 1972. He attended Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Manchester.

He was born Nov. 24, 1923, in Wabash County to Paul G. and Anna Nordmann Grist. He married Mary Rose Harrison on Dec. 10, 1949. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Brent Matthew Grist, of North Manchester; three daughters, Cleo June (Andy) Haxton, of Peru; Peggy G. (Herbert) Schaetzle, of Bourbon; and Debra Jayne Grist, of North Manchester; a sister, Madelene Ryall, of Melbourne, FL; three grandchildren, Crystal Campbell, Sean Haxton and Addison Grist; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

There are no calling hours. A service will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Servia. Rev. J.P. Freeman will officiate.

McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, is in charge of arrangements.

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