



Richard Louis Carles

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Richard Louis Carles, 86, of Van Buren, died at 1:22 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at the Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay. He was born on February 5, 1928, in North Baltimore, OH, to the late Oliver Freeman and Hazel Kathryn (Campbell) Carles. He married M. Joyce Bishop in Newport, KY on May 31, 1948, and she preceded him in death on March 8, 2008. Richard is survived by his sons: Richard "Rick" A. Carles of McComb, Gary E. (Joetta) Carles of Findlay, Tim L. (Linda) Carles of Van Buren and Jeff J. (Pam) Carles of Rawson; his daughters: Kathy L. Cummins of Findlay and Kim Ann (Thomas) Hammer of Findlay; his brother, James F. Carles of North Baltimore; his sister, Ruth K. Lopez of North Baltimore; his grandchildren: Amy Carles of Findlay, Joleen Brandeberry of Huron, Emilie Meinardi of Richmond, IN, Brittany Moore of Findlay, Brenda Williams of Findlay, Chad Williams of Franklin, IN, Adam Williams of Greenwood, IN, Zachary Hammer of Seattle, WA, Morgan Hammer, at home, Stacey Foltz of Van Buren and Seth Carles, at home; his great-grandchildren: Izaak Brandeberry, Marek Brandeberry, Jaren Brandeberry, Scarlet Meinardi, Cohen Moore, Hunter Foltz and Carson Foltz. He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Tressel Meinardi; his brothers: William L. Carles and Jerry Lee Carles. Richard was a retiree of Cooper Tire and Rubber Company and a member of the Cooper Tire Old Timers Club. He was proud of his service in the Navy as a Seabee with the USS Muliphen often recalling his experiences in Pearl Harbor, Guam and Alaska. A lifelong hunter, trapper and fisherman, no year was complete without a pilgrimage to the Kenton Coon Dog Trials. A funeral service will be held at

11:00 a.m., Friday, April 18, 2014, at SMITH-CRATES FUNERAL HOME, North Baltimore, with Pastor Darwin Dunten officiating. Burial will be in Weaver Cemetery, Bloom Township, where full military rites will be conducted by the North Baltimore American Legion Post 539. Visitation will be held from 4:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday at SMITH-CRATES FUNERAL HOME, North Baltimore, and 1 hour (10-11 a.m.) prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.coldrenrates.com.