



Edwin Dewey Wilkens, Jr.

April 8, 1925 - October 7, 2010

Visitation for Edwin D. Wilkens Jr., 85, a nine-year resident of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Manteno and Hazel Crest, will be from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno, and from 9 a.m. Thursday at Manteno Church of God until the 10 a.m. funeral services. Burial will be in Skyline Memorial Park in Monee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Manteno Church of God or to the donor's choice. He died Thursday (Oct. 7, 2010) in Mesa. Mr. Wilkens worked for Illinois Central Railroad for 45 years. He was born April 8, 1925, in Clarendon Hills, the son of Edwin Sr. and Lydia Wilkens. His first wife of 48 years, the former Florence Baker, is deceased. He served during World War II with the 2nd Marine Division in the Pacific. He was a Hazel Crest School District 152 1/2 Board president, Lions Club member, founder of the Hazel Crest Little League, and he was a Cub master and scoutmaster in Hazel Crest. He received the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow and attained the Silver Beaver Award for Adult scouters. Surviving are his wife of 13 years, the former Elsie Lottinville, of Mesa; one son and daughter-in-law, Edwin III Nick and Kathy Wilkens, of Worden; two grandchildren, Kenneth (Michelle) Wilkens, of Matteson, and Shawn; three great-grandchildren, Brett, Lilly and Wesley Wilkens, of Matteson; one sister, Louise Wedin, of Wonder Lake; and two brothers, Donald Wilkens, of Mesa, and Richard Wilkens, of Lakeside, Calif. His parents and two sisters are deceased.

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