

Rathbun, Chester W.

Chester W. Rathbun, 88, of Bryan, Ohio, died at 10:25 a.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007, in his residence. Chester W. Rathbun was born March 31, 1919 in Ubly, the son of Howard and Mildred (Weitzel) Rathbun. He married Lillie E. Richter on February 19, 1944 in Toledo, Ohio and she survives. A World War II Navy veteran, Chester was the owner of Chet's Auto-Electric, Bryan, for 26 years. He retired in 1986. He began his career as an engineer for the Pittsburgh Steamboat Company. He then went to work at Main Auto Supply in Toledo, Ohio, prior to serving his country in the Navy. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, Bryan, Ohio, the Bryan Lions Club where he served as a past president and was also a Melvin Jones Fellow. He was a member of the Bryan Moose Lodge No. 1064 and the Bryan Masonic Lodge No. 215. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Lynn (Bonnie) Rathbun, of Ithaca, New York, and Dennis (Vicki) Rathbun, of Bryan, Ohio; four grandchildren, Nathan and Natalia Rathbun, of Ithaca, New York, Cole Rathbun, of Kalamazoo, and Brooke Rathbun, of Bryan, Ohio; two brothers, Gerald (Nancy) Rathbun, of Fletcher, North Carolina, and Allan (Beverly) Rathbun, of Perry, Ohio; four sisters, Arlene (Gilbert) Regentin, of Ubly, Ruth (Robert) Knoll, of Bad Axe, Mary Ellen Vatter, of Ubly, and Lola (Harry) Strauss, of Laveen, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Keith Rathbun. Memorial services for Chester W. Rathbun will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2007, in First Lutheran Church, 210 North Cherry Street, Bryan, Ohio, with Pastor Richard Franks officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are by Krill Funeral Service, 860 West Mulberry Street, Bryan, Ohio. Memorials in the name of Chester W. Rathbun may be given to First Lutheran Church, 210 North Cherry Street, Bryan, Ohio, Lion's Sight First Foundation or to the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Program Fund No. 321275 c/o: Medical University of Ohio Foundation, 1111 Research Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Condolences may be sent and the guest register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.