



## William J. Parkes

March 5, 1916 - August 6, 2011

William J. Parkes, 95, of Bloomfield, passed away August 6, 2011 at Lyons Health and Living Community. He was born March 5, 1916 in Milford, Illinois, the son of Bert and Ruth (Collins) Parkes.

He was a member of the Furnace Christian Church and a life time member of Solsberry Lodge No. 411, F.& A.M. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Philippine Islands. He was employed as a pipe fitter at NWSC Crane and retired in 1976. Bill was a great gardener and well known for his outstanding produce. He loved his family and was always joking with the grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Roberts of Bloomington; step-children, Owen Burch (Shirley) of Stanford, Florida, Marjorie Anderson (Garner) of Bloomfield and David Burch (Mary) of Bloomfield; grandchildren, Daniel and Jeremy Roberts; step-grandchildren, Bert Burch, Debborah Pritchard and Karen Watts, Lori and Tony Anderson, Ami Lawhead, David Matthew Burch and Ashley Burch-Ryan; also a host of step great-grandchildren; two brothers, Joe Parkes of Oolitic and Donald Parkes of Front Royal, Virginia; two sisters, Mary Lester of Indianapolis and Nellie Ann Wilcoxin of Bloomfield.

William was preceded in death by his first wife, Nellie Rae (Floyd) Parkes in June 1963, also his wife of 39 years, Dorothy Holtsclaw (Burch) Parkes who passed away on May 11, 2007. brothers, Robert Parkes, Stanley Parkes, John Parkes, James Parkes, and his parents.

Services will be conducted 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at Jenkins

& Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, with Rev. George Sites and Rev. Keith Long officiating. Interment will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 1 hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhome](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhome).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Susan, My thoughts are with you and your family.  
"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face  
shine on you and be gracious to you; The LORD turn his face  
toward you and give you peace." NUMBERS 6:24-26 Denise

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