



## **Richard Ward**

Aug. 8, 1933 - Sept. 28, 2011

Richard "Dick" A. Ward, 78, Kokomo, passed away at 5:44 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Aug. 8, 1933, in Kokomo, to the late Lonnie Henry and Zelma (Beatty) Ward. Dick married Wanda (Adams) Ward in 1980 and with the birth of their daughter, they started a family together.

Dick served with the Navy for a couple years during the Korean War and with General Motors for more than 30 years. While working at General Motors, Dick held several positions with the AFL-CIO union, including shop chairman. Later the AFL-CIO merged into what is now the UAW. Dick enjoyed the outdoors, spending time camping, fishing and traveling.

Dick is survived by his wife, Wanda Adams-Ward; a daughter, Valerie (Chris) Wise, Anderson; grandchildren, Elijah and Kalie Green and Ashleigh Wise; and 17 nieces and nephews.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Naomi Clark, Paul Ward, Lonnie Ward Jr., Denzil "Joe" Ward, Gladys Chism and William Henry "Hank" Ward; along with one grandson, Zach Wise; and five nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are 4 p.m. today at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo, with Pastor Eric Hammons officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens with military rites provided by the local VFW and the U.S. Navy. Dick's family will be receiving relatives and friends for a time of visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Contributions can be made in Dick's memory to the Zach Wise Scholarship Fund, 1802 Roundhill Dr., Anderson, IN 46013. Read Dick's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message or order flowers for the family.

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