

THOMAS E. MALOTT JR., 73, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. Born Nov. 18, 1938, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Thomas E. "Pete" and Evelyn (Jones) Malott Sr. He was lovingly raised by his mother, Catherine Malott. He retired from Nipsco. He was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society; a board member with the PSCU; and served the American Legion Post 241 as a past post commander where he was active with the honor guard after serving with the Navy as a corpsmen to the Marines. His most precious treasures were his family. Surviving family include his wife of 48 years, Odelia A. "Dee" (Beckman) Malott of Fort Wayne; children, Ann (Raymond) Baxter of Yoder, Thomas J. (Heidi) Malott, Suzanne (Michael) Sharp, Patricia (Gerald) Bergoff, Sarah (Timothy) Stein, and Jennifer (Michael) Craver, all of Fort Wayne; siblings, James Malott of Fort Wayne, Donald Malott of Elkhart, Sheila Buckles and Kathy Malott, both of Fort Wayne, Donna Haddaway of Jacksonville, Fla., Joseph Malott and Virginia Barrand, both of Fort Wayne; 32 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Garry Malott. Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior. Visitation also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2012, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Burial in St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery-Hessen Cassel. Memorials may be made to Women's Care Center, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, or Northeast Indiana Cancer Services. To leave online condolences, please visit www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com

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