

ROGER D. GREAF, 91, of Garrett, died on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Garrett. Born Oct. 30, 1919, in Jay County, Ind. near the area of Fair-view - Wayne Township, he was the son of the late Russell E. and Anna (Knab) Greaf. He attended the Fairview grade school and graduated from Portland High School. Entering the U.S. Air Corps on Feb. 12, 1942, he served until the end of World War II. He was an engineer at Siecor Corp and Corning until his retirement in 1986. He was a Lay Minister with the United Methodist Church for 41 years and a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years. He was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church; Masonic Lodge 537, in Garrett; Scottish Rite, in Fort Wayne; and North Indiana U.M.C. Foundation Field Representative. He married Ila Warner on April 16, 1993; she survives in Garrett. Also surviving are his sons, Dr. William D. Greaf of Stony Brook, N.Y. and Steven D. Greaf (Lt. Colonel - U.S.A.R., Ret.) of Parkersburg, W.Va.; stepsons, Dr. Barry McNamara and Dr. Craig McNamara, both of Montgomery, Ala., Dr. Tom Newbauer of Avon, Ind., and Joe Newbauer of Michigan; stepdaughters, Karen Jo Renner of Fort Wayne and Marilyn Culler of Garrett; brother, Paul E. Greaf of South Bend, Ind.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Catherine Armantrout Greaf on July 4, 1987; and brother, Harold Greaf. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, at Garrett United Methodist Church, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Visitation also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a Masonic service at 4:30 p.m. Committal service is 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, at Green Park Cemetery Chapel, Portland, Ind. Memorials to Garrett United Methodist Church or the Garrett High School Marching Band. Arrangements by Thomas Funearl Home, Garrett. To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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