

## **Chronicle-Tribune (Marion, IN) - Saturday, January 14, 2006**

Keith Rees

March 6, 1920-Jan. 13, 2006

HARTFORD CITY - E. Keith Rees, 85, former Hartford City mayor, died at 3:01 a.m. Friday in Blackford Community Hospital.

He was born in Redkey to the late Ray E. and Florence (Smith) Rees. A 1938 graduate of Redkey High School, he attended Indiana University at Bloomington. He had served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Barbara Shauver May 30, 1942, in Jay County. She preceded him in death Dec. 6, 1988. He then married Marie Baugher, who died March 6, 1998.

He had been employed as a machinist for Warner Gear Corp. for 30 years. He had served as city judge and as mayor of Hartford City from January 1976 to December 1979.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, a 50-year member of Elks Lodge 625, a member and past commander of American Legion Post 159, past commander of the Fifth District and vice commander of the Northern District of the State of Indiana for the American Legion.

Survivors include daughter, Carolyn (Harold) Schuhmacher, Hartford City; brother, Floyd "Bud" Rees, Hartford City; sister, Phyllis "Peggy" (Richard) Fleming, Redkey; three grandchildren, Steve (Jennifer) Schuhmacher, Brian (Renee) Schuhmacher and Patricia (Andrew) Baird; six great-grandchildren, Kathleen, Jackson, Nicholas, Brittani, Timothy and Madeline Schuhmacher; and stepgreat-granddaughter, Sara Whitesell.

He also was preceded in death by son, Mark Rees; and sister, Glenda Marie Brunson.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated by the Rev. Robert Moran at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 209 S. Spring St. Burial is in Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey, with full military rites conducted by American Legion Post 159 Color Guard and Firing Squad.

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St. A Christian wake service is at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Randy Young, Eric Young, David Boling, Steve Schuhmacher, Brian Schuhmacher and Andrew Baird.

The family requests memorials be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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