

Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Friday, January 20, 2006

John Raymond Sears, 84, North Meridian Street, Redkey, died Wednesday at his home.

Born in Del Rio, Texas, on May 26, 1921, he was the son of Guy and Helen (Landess) Sears.

Graduating from Redkey High School in 1939, he was a member of the 1939 sectional basketball championship team.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He married Barbara Barnell on Dec. 7, 1947. She survives.

A mail carrier for more than 40 years with the U.S. Postal Service, he had served as a school board member for 10 years.

He was a 50-year member of Half-Way Lodge No. 298 in Redkey, a 50-year member of Redkey American Legion Post No. 401, and a member of Redkey Faith Ministries and Methodist Men's Group.

Other survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Gary (Gloria) LeMaster, Mrs. Mark (Sheila) Stigleman and Mrs. Ted (LuAnn) Champ, all of Redkey, and Mrs. Greg (Shirley) Bales, Greensburg; a sister, Mary Lou Manor; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at M.J.S. Mortuaries-Redkey Chapel. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery, with Military graveside services conducted by Post No. 401 in Redkey.

Visitation is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with Masonic services being conducted at 7:30 p.m. by the Redkey Half-Way Lodge.

Memorials may be sent to State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice or Redkey Faith Ministries, in care of the funeral home.

Contributed by Jane Edson