

Charles A. Wheat, 94

MUNCIE - Charles A. "Shorty" Wheat, 94, Muncie, passed away Thursday evening, December 8, 2005 at his residence.

He was born August 10, 1911 in Perryville, Kentucky, the son of Ella Mae (Key) Wheat and Alexander Page Wheat.

Shorty spent his early years in Perryville and attended school there.

He moved to Albany in 1946 then to Redkey in 1956 and later to Muncie in 1958.

In Muncie he worked at the Motor Clinic from 1958 until 1963 when he started Superior Transmission, which he owned and operated until retiring in the late 1980's.

He also traveled as an evangelist for several years in Kentucky and Indiana.

Survivors include ten children, Donna Mae McCloud, Charles Roger Wheat, (wife-Elaine), George Raymond Wheat, (wife-Dee), Jeffrey Lynn Wheat, (wife-Wanda), Marsha Ellen Curry, David A. Wheat, (wife-Sheila), Loretta Sue Miller, Diana Kay Brown, Lily L. Greenwell, (husband-Don) and Joyce Ann Lacy; one brother, James Marshall Wheat, (wife-Veda); one sister, Christina Goforth, (husband-Charles); 25 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty L. Wheat, who passed away May 24, 2004.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the chapel of The Meeks Mortuary with Pastor Rusty Clements officiating.

Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery near Redkey.

Friends may call at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory after 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Memorials may be directed to Southern Care Hospice, 3414 W. Fox Ridge Lane, Muncie, IN 47304.

Online condolences to the family may be directed to www.meeksmortuary.com.

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