Ralph Bickel, Jr

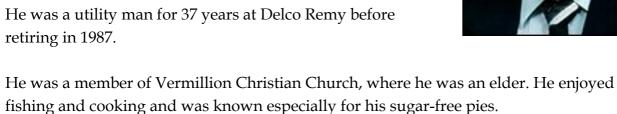June 12, 1929 - Feb. 28, 2008

Ralph Jr. Bickel, 78, Anderson, went to be with the Lord Feb. 28, 2008, at his residence.

He was born June 12, 1929, in Delaware County, and lived most of his life in Anderson.

He was a utility man for 37 years at Delco Remy before retiring in 1987.

He was a member of Vermillion Christian Church, where he was an elder. He enjoyed fishing and cooking and was known especially for his sugar-free pies.

Survivors include his four children, Richard (wife, Dicki) Bickel, Barbara (husband, Lonnie) Short, Mark (wife, Theresa) Bickel and Carolyn Bickel, all of Anderson; five grandchildren, Andrew Bagienski, Josh Bickel, Keith Bickel, Autumn Clark and Lonnita Short; eight stepgrandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Sr. and Esta Mary (Prevost) Bickel; his wife, Ardis (LeMaster) Bickel in 1996; and a brother, Robert Bickel.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service with Minister Paul Werling of Vermillion Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia at 2 p.m. Monday.

Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Submitted with honor and respect.

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Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Ralph Jr. Bickel, 78, Anderson, died Thursday at his home.

Born in Delaware County on June 12, 1929, he was the son of Ralph and Esta Mary (Prevost) Bickel Sr.

He was a utility man for Delco-Remy for 37 years prior to retiring.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Bickel and Mark Bickel, both of Anderson; two daughters, Barbara Short and Carolyn Bickel, both of Anderson; five grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service, Anderson, with Pastor Paul Werling officiating. Burial will be in Salamonia Cemetery, Salamonia.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Vermillion Christian Church.

The obituary is being republished to correct an error by The Commercial Review.

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