



William Ray Rochester

January 26, 1936 - September 30, 2014

William Ray Rochester, 78, of Auburn, Indiana passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Dekalb Health in Auburn. He was born on January 26, 1936 in Easton to William (Bill) and Nelda (Bartles) Rochester.

Ray attended elementary school in Forest City and high school in Manito. He was a Caterpillar Foundry apprentice, then worked for Dana Corp. and Auburn Foundry in Indiana, where he retired. Ray did consulting work for Metal Technologies and others in Indiana post retirement. He enjoyed reading, traveling to six continents including the Greek Isles, and inventing new products for the auto industry. Ray was granted a US Patent for CENTRALLY GATED CAST METAL ROTARY FRICTION PLATES AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING in July of 2010.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce (Thompson) of Auburn, IN; a daughter, Cynthia (Tony) Golden of Caro, MI; two grandsons, Greg Golden of

Nashville, TN and Michael (Erica) Golden of Munger, MI; a granddaughter, Melissa (John) DeVantier of Appleton, WI; five great grandchildren, Michaela, Brady, Ella, Samuel, and Lucy; three brothers, Dale (Bonnie) Rochester of Pekin, Larry (Cheryl) Rochester of Marquette Heights, and Ron Rochester of Decatur; two sisters, Eleanor Gosnell of Pekin and Kathy (Stan) Embree of Manito; two sisters-in-law, Wanda Schmidgall of Lakeland, FL and Mary Jo Thompson of Geneva. He was preceded in death by his parents; a nephew, Mick Rochester; two brothers-in-law, Paul Gosnell and Daryl Thompson.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 AM with visitation two hours prior from 9 to 11 AM at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn. Graveside services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until 10:45 Saturday prior to the graveside service at the Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. To leave a message of condolence visit www.hurleyfh.com.

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“ *William Ray Rochester*

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