James R. Bell

James Richard "Dick" Bell, age 89, of Celina, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 at the Gardens at Celina.

He was born Nov. 14, 1920 in Union City, to the late James Ivan & Verla (Reigel) Bell. On Sept. 21, 1940 he married Wavelene Hittle, and she died in 2005.

He is survived by three children: James Scott (Elvie) Bell of San Jose, Calif., Steve Allen (Shirley) Bell of Celina and Connie Knapke of Celina; as well as five grandchildren: Lisa, Sheila, David, Lori and Abby; seven great-grandchildren: Andrew, Logan, Ryan, Kaden, Kennady, Kole and Allison; and a sister Betty Gridley of Brookville. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife and two grandchildren, Michelle and James.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Celina, the Celina American Legion Post 210, V.F.W. 5713, and the Disabled Veteran Association. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was the co-owner of the Bell & Horn Appliance Store in Celina.

Funeral services were held at the Lehman-Hogen-kamp-Dzendzel Funeral Home in Celina on Monday, March 1, 2010 with Rev. Kim Miller officiating. Burial followed in North Grove Cemetery with full military rites by the Legion and V.F.W. Memorial may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.