



## Ralph W. Kear

December 25, 1998

WW II ARMY AIR CORPS VETERAN

Funeral services for Ralph W. Kear, 76, of 12744 Township Road 84, Forest, will be held at 11 a.m. today at Shields Funeral Home, Forest, the Rev. Joe Searfoss officiating. Burial will be in Hueston Cemetery, Forest, with military rites conducted by McVitty VFW Post 1182 and American Legion Post 259, both of Forest.

Mr. Kear died at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25, 1998 at the Wyandot County Nursing Home, Upper Sandusky.

He was born May 31, 1922 in Wyandot County to Loren D. and Dortha (Baker) Kear. He married Ruth Van Scoit on March 21, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Gene of Virginia Beach, Va.; Larry W. of Chicago, Ill.; Steven D. of Perrysburg; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Peggy) McKinney, Indianapolis, Ind.; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a brother, Herman F. of Troy.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Avonelle Davidson and Irene Berg.

Mr. Kear was a retired rural mail carrier, having worked for the Forest Post Office from 1945-88.

He was a member of Big Oak United Methodist Church in Wharton and Senate Lodge 378 F&AM, Forest. He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and a former member of American Legion Post 259, Forest.

Mr. Kear graduated in 1940 from Wharton High School.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.