



Gene W. "Jake" Stitsinger

December 12, 2009

Gene W. "Jake" Stitsinger, 88, died December 12, 2009 at Hospice of Hamilton with his family by his side. He was born in Elyria, OH on August 11, 1921 to Frederick and Henrietta (Pfaffman) Stitsinger. He is survived by his wife Jean (Buckner) Stitsinger and two sons: Frederick "Fritz" (Barbara) Stitsinger of Hanover Township and David (Lisa) Stitsinger, of Hamilton. He also leaves behind five grandchildren: Kristen, Adam, Jay, Jodi and Morgan, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother William Stitsinger, his sister Sue Contreras, his brother Herbert Stitsinger, and a very close brother-in-law Merlin Buckner. He was a veteran of World War II, where he was a Staff Sgt in the 242nd Regiment of the 42nd "Rainbow" Infantry Division. He fought in the Battle of France and helped liberate The Dachau Concentration Camp. After the war, he married his sweetheart and started working at Stitsinger's Meat Market in Hamilton. He was later employed by the Ohio Dept. of Transportation and then by Butler County Engineer's Office, where he retired as Accounting Supervisor. Gene was a member of the Washington Lodge #17 F&AM, the York Rite and a life member of the VFW Post #1069 and BPO Elks #93, where he still met his good friends weekly to play cards. In 1989 he was inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame. He was a successful coach of West Side Babe Ruth Baseball from 1954-72. He was a dedicated family man and he inspired laughter and goodness in the lives he touched. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Wehr for his care and support. Funeral services will

held at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N. W. Washington Blvd. on Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. with Rev. Sam Wyatt officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Burial Park. Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with Masonic Services at 7:30 p.m. and BPOElk Services at 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Hamilton, 1010 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45013 or the charity of one's choice.