



Irvin A. Opperman

November 23, 1916 - August 19, 2011

Irvin A. Opperman, 94, passed away on Friday, August 19, 2011, at St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, with his family at his side. He was born on November 23, 1916, in Westfield, Wisconsin, a son of Rhinold C. and Ida E. Hemple Opperman. Irvin enlisted in the United States Army in February 1942 and served in the European Theater during World War II. He was honorably discharged in October 1945. He met Virginia Pearl Retzlaff and they were married on June 16, 1946, at First Baptist Church, Fond du Lac. Irvin worked at Giddings & Lewis for 32 years as a machinist and retired in 1980. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Fond du Lac, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his children. He is survived by three children: Larry (Christine) Opperman of Richardson, Texas, David (Terri) Opperman of Fond du Lac, and Christine Rockweit of North Fond du Lac; a daughter-in-law, Deb Opperman; 13 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia, in 1990; a son, Steven Opperman; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Opperman; a daughter-in-law, Marianne Opperman; a son-in-law, Keith Rockweit; four brothers and two sisters; and a special friend, Ethel Treleven. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2011, at First Baptist Church, 721 East Scott Street, Fond du Lac, with Rev. Larry Witt officiating. Burial will follow in Ledgeview Memorial Park. The visitation will be on Monday at church from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at St. Francis Home for the wonderful care given to Irvin.