



Raymond H. Gielow

September 20, 1921 - November 6, 2008

Raymond H. Gielow, 87, of Fond du Lac, died Thursday, November 6, 2008, at St. Francis Home. He was born on September 20, 1921, in Fond du Lac, a son of Albert and Hilda Widner Gielow. Raymond served with the United States Air Force and Army Air Corps from October 1942 through January 1946. On February 7, 1942, he married Betty Jane Chase of Fond du Lac in St. Augustine's Chapel, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Fond du Lac, and they celebrated 63 years of marriage. Ray and his brother, Francis, operated Gielow Bros. Market in the 1950's. Following this, Ray owned ABC Motors and a BF Goodrich Dealership in the 1960's and early 1970's. He and his wife moved to California in the middle 1970's and returned to Fond du Lac in the middle 1990's. Ray was a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. He is survived by three children: Raymond C. (Barbara) Gielow of Fond du Lac, Karen (Doug) Zweizig of Evansville, and Linda Gaffney of Princeton; six grandchildren: Joe (Amy) Gaffney, Brad (Amber) Gaffney, Nicole (Lance) Witt, Chris (Denise) Gielow, Alissa (Ken) Ruples, and Walter (Nina) Clewell; nine great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law, Richard Schmidt of UT; two sisters-in-law: Adele Gielow of Fond du Lac and Shirley Gielow of CA. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty, on August 29, 2005; a grandson, Lawrence Zweizig; nine brothers and three sisters: Irving, Ronnie, Donald, Francis, Edgar, Lester, Art, Clarence, an infant brother, Cecile, Florence, and Lilas. Ray requested a private family memorial gathering at Rienzi Cemetery.