



## Russel Gary Wilson

July 1, 1930 - January 10, 2022

Russel Gary Wilson, age 91 of Portage, IN passed away on Monday, January 10, 2022 in Valparaiso, IN. He was born on July 1, 1930 in Gary, IN to Russel and Catherine (Gary) Wilson.

Russel is survived by his brother, Allan (Kristine) Wilson; son, Russell L. (Cheryl) Wilson, III; daughter, Cathy (Anthony) Reed; four grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phoebe (Vetor) Wilson; father, Russel D. Wilson; mother, Catherine Wilson.

Russel was a pillar of the community. In 1970, he was instrumental in building Woodland Park in Portage. Russel was a tremendous father and grandfather. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War era. Russel then went on to marry the love of his life and wife of 66 years, Phoebe. He will truly be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 10:00 am at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Ave., Portage, IN 46368, with burial to follow at McCool Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022 from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Russel's honor may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306.