## **Eugene R. Houdeshell**

"Mr. Gene" 87 of Tipp City, Ohio passed away Wednesday February 8, 2012 at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy, Ohio.

Born April 26, 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Ray and Essie Mae {Wiley} Houdeshell. Preceded in death by his parents and a sister; Donna Arnold.

He is survived by his loving wife; Esther Jean {Olinger} Houdeshell, whom he married on June 15, 1946. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last summer. Also surviving are his daughters Cindy Watson, Tipp City and Claudia and her husband Philip Koerner, Tipp City, as well as granddaughters; Molly Watson, Tipp City and Katy Watson and her husband Jay Cullis, Covington, Ohio.

Gene served in Europe during WWII and was awarded the Purple Heart for his service. He was retired from NCR in 1984 after 37 years and was a member of the 25 Year Club. He had been a very loyal and faithful member of the Tipp City United Methodist Church.

He loved sports and was an enthusiastic supporter of Tippecanoe volleyball, basketball and baseball and the Cincinnati Reds.

Mr. Gene loved his family, his friends and his church...he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. Funeral service 11:00 AM, Monday February 13, 2012 at Tipp City United Methodist Church corner Third and Main St. Visitation 3 to 6 PM Sunday at FRINGS AND BAYLIFF FUNERAL HOME, 327 W. Main St., Tipp City, Ohio 45371 www.fringsandbayliff.com. Contributions may be made in memory of Gene to Miami County Hospice or the church memorial fund.