



Freeport, Ill. — Edward C. Rafferty, 87, of Freeport passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2012, at FHN Memorial Hospital, with his family by his side.

Edward was born on Feb. 19, 1925, in Freeport, the son of Harold and Laura (Arbogast) Rafferty.

Edward was a U.S. Army Veteran. He served in the European Theatre during World War II under General Patton's 3rd Army, 20th CORPS; with the 284th Field Artillery Battalion.

Edward worked for Keene Canning Company and at Micro Switch as a supervisor for 33 years before retiring in 1987. On Dec. 12, 1943, Edward married Shirley J. Schrader in Freeport. She died on Feb. 6, 2006.

Mr. Rafferty was a member of St. John U.C.C. in Freeport. He was also a lifetime member of the V.F.W. and a former Germania Club member. He enjoyed fishing at Apple Canyon Lake and was an avid Cubs fan. Survivors include: sons, Jim (Cathy) Rafferty of Chandler, Ariz., and Steve (Jeannette) Rafferty of Freeport; two daughters, Kathy (Tim) Wilson of Stoughton, Wis., and Tricia Rafferty of Madison, Wis.; brother, Karl (Muriel) Rafferty of Mount Carroll; and seven grandchildren, Eric Rafferty, Matt (fiancé Molly Krentz) Rafferty, Kyle Rafferty, Elise (fiancé Christopher Castaneda) Rafferty, Tim Wilson II, Steve (Amber) Wilson, and Libby (fiancé Pete Brekke) Thompson. Also surviving are four great grandchildren, Ashlyn, Connor, Vallen, and Heath.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one brother, and one sister. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 15, at Burke -Tubbs Funeral Home in Freeport.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Burke -Tubbs Funeral Home. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A memorial fund has been established for All Veterans Memorial Park in Mr. Rafferty's memory.

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