

81 year old, Nickolas Tillema of Wheatfield, passed away May 21, 2003.

On March 25, 1922, Nickolas was born to John and Mary (Boltjes) Tillema in Platte, South Dakota. Nickolas grew up in Chicago, Illinois. He married Lois Bernice Hoekstra on December 29, 1943 in Cicero, Illinois. Nickolas always said he was educated at the "School of Hard Knocks". He ran Central Garage for 40 years in Wheatfield. Nickolas also was a US Army WW II Veteran, a member of First Christian Reformed Church, a charter member of Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Department, an Elder at First Christian Reformed Church, a Wheatfield Township Trustee Advisory Board, and Precinct Committeeman.

Nickolas is survived by his children: Robert Tillema, Susan (Dan) Allen, Janice Tillema, John (Nancy) Tillema, Bill (Heather) Tillema, and Linda (Ron) Mikash, 5 grandchildren (Mike & Randy Allen, Jeremy, Marissa & Abigail Tillema), 3 step-grandchildren (Nicholas, Jesse & Dillon Cox), and brother: John (Janice) Tillema.

Nickolas was preceded in death by his wife: Lois, brother: Percy 'Jim' and his parents.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on May 23, 2003 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Boersma Funeral Home, 90 East Grove St., Wheatfield, Indiana. Services for Nickolas will take place on May 24, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Robert Tigchelaar officiating. Interment will take place at the Wheatfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Wheatfield Fire Department, VNA Hospice, DeMotte Christian School.