



88 year old, Joseph E. Abbott of Wheatfield passed away August 22, 2012.

On May 3, 1924, Joe was born to James and Margaret (nee: Hudsbeth) Abbott in McComb, Mississippi. He was the youngest of 13 children. Joe always claimed to have graduated 'Lame Duck' from McComb High School. Joe was a machinist for the Illinois Central Railroad for many years retiring in 1984 on Pat's birthday. Joe was a member of Sorrowful Mother Catholic Church and Wheatfield American Legion Post #406.

Joseph is survived by his wife: Patricia, children: Suzanne Abbott, Joseph Abbott Jr., Virginia (William) Crandall, Barry Abbott, Donna (Jeffrey) Smolinski, Elizabeth Abbott, Cynthia (Robert) Gregory, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Joseph is preceded in death by his parents and 12 siblings.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 26, 2012, at the Boersma Funeral Home, 90 East Grove St., Wheatfield, Indiana. Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012 at Sorrowful Mother Catholic Church in Wheatfield, Indiana.

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