



Arthur Kenneth Wease

September 17, 1928 - February 26, 2012

Arthur Kenneth Wease, age 83 of Bloomington passed away Sunday afternoon February 26, 2012 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born September 17, 1928 in Lawrence County to Paul and Viola Mae Thacker Wease. Arthur was a graduate of Huron High School, spent most of his professional career with Otis Elevator and eventually spent nearly twenty years as a greeter at the Bloomington Wal-Mart. Arthur's interests were wide and varied. He bowled with the Senior Bowling League at Classic Lanes, was a huge fan of Atlanta Braves baseball, and so loved Indiana University basketball and football that he served countless hours as an usher at both Memorial Stadium and Assembly Hall. Arthur was also a member of the Harrodsburg United Methodist Church, and served his country proudly in the Army during the Korean War and later as a Staff Sergeant in the reserves. Ultimately though Arthur's family will remember him as the extraordinarily loving and caring husband, father and papaw he was to his entire family. Arthur leaves behind his wife Geneva Irene Guthrie of Bloomington; son Ken Wease and wife Debbie of Harrodsburg; son Jarold Dean Wease of Bloomington; son Michael Wayne Wease and wife Tina of Anderson; daughter Ginger A. Sparks and husband Craig of Spencer; grandchildren Aaron Wease and wife Marci, Travis Wease and wife Amanda, Jamison Wease, Justin Wease, Seth Sparks and Wyatt Sparks. Arthur also leaves behind

great grandchildren McKenzie, Brett and Tyson Wease as well as a brother Wendell Wease and wife Twyla of Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Genetta Lynn Wease, a great grandson Robert Wease, three brothers, Ben, Bill and Eddie Wease and a sister Nancy Alice Ratliff. A memorial service to celebrate Arthur's life will be held this Saturday March 3, 2012 at the Harrodsburg United Methodist Church at 11:00AM. Reverend Terry Brammer will preside. Friends may call at the church from 10:00AM until the time of the service at 11:00AM also on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *•Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.
John & Debbie Greene & family.*

John & Debbie Greene - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JM

“ *Dear Geneva and family, we were shocked and saddened to learn of Arthur's passing. He was a wonderful man and we will certainly miss him. We send you our thoughts and prayers and our apologies that we are out of town and cannot attend his services in person. We will be with you in spirit. The Bloomington Reserves family has lost a treasured member.*

Johnny and Mary Popp - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JO

“ Art earned respect from all of us in Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 70th Division (Training), United States Army Reserve. In his late 50s, he would out-work all the other supply soldiers in the hardest conditions, longest hours, and most difficult locations. Art never complained, no matter the heat, difficulty of the work (such as unloading many crates of heavy ammunition and field rations) from high-bed military trucks, or rain or darkness. I relied on Art to be on time driving any vehicle to any location at any time of day or night on Fort Jackson, Fort Benning, or Fort Dix. He cared for the entry level soldiers, often being called upon to drive the sick or injured to medical care.

Art's devotion to duty and to the United States was so great that he served in the Army Reserves until age 60 with no chance of receipt of retired pay. Due to a strict requirement for 20 years of total military service combined with another requirement for mandatory removal at age 60, when Art enlisted he was too old to accrue 20 years before he would have to be discharged at age 60. Several of his Army Reserve commanders requested exception to policy so that Art would be allowed to serve past age 60 in order to meet the 20 year service minimum - all these requests were refused. Art knew this, but he reenlisted anyway to serve.

Art was an example to all he came in contact with in the Army Reserve. He quietly got his job done, no matter the hardships involved.

I will miss seeing Art around town. He was always cheerful.

John Tilford - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

BS

“ Dear Genevea, Ken, Jerry, Mike and Ginger (and to all of the family). Know that each of you are in our hearts and prayers during this time. Arthur was a wonderful man and I am sure you all have a lot of great memories that will bring comfort to your hearts. What a celebration to know he is with the Lord and I just know he will still root for IU from up above. Even though we aren't immediate family, he still holds a very special place in our hearts and we will miss him. May you all find a great source of strength and peace that comes from God above. Love to all

Bill and Susan Chinn - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM