

*July 7, 2009*

## **Donald L. Ross**

Donald L. Ross, 76, of Terre Haute died Friday, July 3, 2009, at the Simon Cancer Center at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born July 25, 1932, in Terre Haute, to James A. Ross and Barbara L. Ross (Webb).

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and a lifetime member of American Legion Post 340. He served as Sixth District vice commander in 1979-1980 and 1980-1981. He served as Southern vice commander from 1978 to 1988. He was a member of M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge 4 for more than 50 years. He was appointed by Gov. Evan Bayh as a Veterans Affairs commissioner and served from 1992 to 1996.

Donald graduated from Wiley High School in 1950, attended Indiana State Teachers College for three years, before entering the Army. He retired from Stran Steel after 30 years of service. While at Stran Steel, he served as union vice president, grievance man, safety chairman, union treasurer, labor representative on the Neighborhood Youth Corp, and board chairman of Stran Steel for 10 years. He was great at and loved cabinet making and remodeling.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Hazel; his mother, Barbara L. Webb; three daughters, Debra E. Ross of Indianapolis, Donna D. White (Bobby) of Terre Haute, and Crystal D. Eddy (George) of Aurora, Ill.; two brothers, J. Warren Ross (Ruth), and Louis K. Ross (Lucia), all of Indianapolis; a sister, Susan L. Kambon (Akinsayna) of Long Beach, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Joan B. Ross of Atlanta; five grandchildren, Daniel S. Eddy (Belinda), and Jayson G. Eddy, all of Aurora, Robert L. Hutchinson IV (Shawna) of Indianapolis, Michael A. White and Erica L. White, both of Terre Haute; five great-grandchildren; one aunt, Beatrice Bateman of Corona, Calif.; three uncles, Leon Ross and Ernest Anderson, both of Terre Haute, and Harold Anderson (Geraldine) of Tucson, Ariz.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, Lester K. Ross.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Saints Home Church of God in Christ. Burial is in Stewart Lawn Cemetery. Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at the church. Russell Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.