Robert Dean Gilmont

Robert Dean Gilmont, 81, of Toledo died of leukemia at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis Dec. 8, 2005.

He was born to parents Lafe and Irene (Wegner) Gilmont Feb. 3, 1924 near Archer, Neb. He was educated in Merrick County public schools and farmed as a young man.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, in the 369th Bomber Squadron, 306th Bomb Group (H) as a gunner and radio operator in B-17s. After the war, he was stationed in Germany and flew in Africa and Latin America as part of "Operation Casey Jones" - a world mapping expedition.

In 1951, he married Rose Marie Sinsel of Archer in Vancouver, Wash. and they moved to Toledo. He worked on the green chain at the C.D. Johnson lumber mill. He worked his way up to be a parts buyer and storeroom supervisor at the Georgia-Pacific paper mill in Toledo. He retired in 1990.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the 8th Air Force Historical Society. He relished gardening, especially growing tomatoes, and enjoyed sharing his crop with friends and neighbors. He loved nature, especially fishing, clamming, watching deer and feeding birds. He enjoyed sports and big band music.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sally Gilmont; and brother, Jack O. Gilmont.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Rose Marie Gilmont; children, Susan Gilmont of Newport, Norman and Donna (Wedlake) Gilmont of Houston,

Texas, Robert R. Gilmont of Ann Arbor, Mich.; sister, Mae Crosby of Charleston, S.C.; sister-inlaw, Jocelyn Gilmont of Palmer, Neb.; and cousins, nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Bateman Funeral Home in Newport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society,

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