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TO: ICA Members
FROM: Charles V. Kahl, President
DATE: September 23, 2009
SUBJECT: **Robert L. "R.L." McCoy**

We are saddened to announce that Robert L. "R.L." McCoy, 84, of rural Columbia City, passed away on Saturday, September 19 at his home. He was the board chairman of R.L. McCoy, Inc.

Born December 25, 1924 in Jefferson Township of Whitley County, Robert was the son of Hubert and Edna (Schinbeckler) McCoy. He graduated from Jefferson Center School and continued his education at Tri-State College. In 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the 9th Armored Division of the 27th Infantry Battalion. During World War II, he served in the European Theater and was involved in the "Battle of the Bulge"/Rhine River. Decorated with three bronze clusters and a purple heart, Robert was honorably discharged in 1946. In 1947, he married Donna V. Burns, who preceded him in death on April 4, 2009.

In 1961, Robert co-owned and operated Heavy Construction, Inc., a bridge and highway construction company that later became R.L. McCoy, Inc. Robert was a member of Elks, American Legion, V.F.W. and Knights of Columbus; he was also a charter member of Tri-State College Alumni.

Robert is survived by three children, Michael (Sandi) McCoy, Marci (Chuck) Bayman and Mark (Teresa) McCoy, all of Columbia City; two grandchildren, Daniel (Hillary) McCoy and Margaret (Troy) Hershberger, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, Roy McCoy and a sister, Jeanette Schultz, both of Columbia City. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Watson and Clela Esterline.

A Celebration of Life mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3 at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line Street, Columbia City. Fellowship will continue from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Sherri's Place, 540 N. Main Street, Columbia City.

Arrangements are being handled by Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Condolences may be left on the funeral home's web site at smithandsonsfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made to the Elks National Foundation, St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Our sympathies go out to members of the McCoy family and everyone at R.L. McCoy, Inc.



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