

Whalen, Robert Lewis 1926 - 2009

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WHALEN Robert Lewis, 83, of Lexington, husband of Marjorie Riddell Whalen, died Fri Dec 25. Born March 29, 1926, in Cynthiana, he was the son of the late Kathleen and John Whalen. Upon graduation from Cynthiana High School in 1944, he enlisted in the Army. He served in Europe during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Kentucky in 1949 and then worked at Blue Grass Army Depot for 30 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 313 and a lifetime member of the DAV. He was also a member of the Lake Ellerslie Fishing Club. Other survivors include a son, Stephen L. Whalen (Carolyn), and a daughter, Karen Whalen Hawthorne (Jim), both of Lexington; two grandsons, James and Matthew Hawthorne of Lexington; a granddaughter, Rebecca Hawthorne of Lexington; and a sister, Jeane Whalen Slone of Glen Ellyn, Ill. Special thanks to the staff of Fountain Circle in Winchester. Services will be 1:30pm Tue, Dec 29 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery. Visitation will be 10:30am-12pm Tue at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home-Main St. Burial will be at Camp Nelson.