

## Raymond 'Ray' Williams

### Enjoyed refinishing furniture

Raymond "Ray" A. Williams, 79, 228 Kilbourne St., died today, Sept. 25, 2001, in The Bellevue Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born April 7, 1922, in Bellevue, and was the son of Curtis and Elsa Weasner Williams. He married the former Pauline Schreiner in Reed, Ohio, on Nov. 19, 1947; she survives.

He was a 1941 graduate of Bellevue High School and was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946.

He retired in 1971 as a distributor for the former Standard Oil Company and following his retirement, he became well known for refinishing and repairing furniture.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, a 50-year member of Elks Lodge 1013, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1238; and belonged to American Legion Post 46, Moose Lodge 238 and Eagles Aerie 490, all in Bellevue. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed gardening. He was also active in the Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Ron Williams, Bellevue; one daughter, Janet (Dick) Desich, Grafton; three grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Gilbert, Findlay.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers.

Friends will be received at the Ffos and Son Funeral Home, 311 W. Main St., on Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., where Elks Lodge memorial services will be held at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. David R. Wietelmann, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Bellevue Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 209 Southwest St., Bellevue, Ohio 44811; or the American Heart Association, 3540 Secor Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43606.