Dec. 7, 1934

May 8, 2013

John M. Evans, 89, of Van Wert, died at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert.

He was born Dec. 7, 1923, in Chase, Mich., to James R. and Nellie J. (Mohr) Evans, who preceded him in death.

On Aprl 11, 1947, he married Gwen M. George, who died Dec. 4, 2007.

Survivors include children John C.(Jeanette) Evans of Lima, Margaret (Doug) Snyder of Cincinnati and Jean L. (Evans) Graboski of Texas; brothers William B. (Nancy) Evans of Van Wert; sisters Bertha (Von) Now of Massillon and Joann (Robert) Wilkins of New Knoxville; grandchildren Jeremy (Rachael) Evans, Joshua (Jamie) Evans, Justin (Amanda) Evans; Sara (Joshua) Brittingham, Amanda Snyder, Derek Snyder; Ross Graboski; stepgrandchildren, Julia (Matthew) Clark, Jennifer (Eric) Garver and Jessica (David) Roller; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by James D. Evans, who died in World War II; and sisters Nellie Kuhman and Sabina Lodge.

Mr. Evans was a rural mail carrier in Venedocia and Delphos, worked at National Seal in Van Wert, farmed and was a former York Township Clerk. He was a member of Salem Presbyterian Church, Venedocia. John was a World War II veteran, serving from 1943-46 in the European Theatre under General George H. Patton, he was in the 65th Infantry and awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and various other medals and ribbons. He was also a member of the Van Wert American Legion, Spencerville VFW and DAV.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory in Van Wert, the Rev. John Medaugh officiating. Burial will be in Venedocia Cemetery, with Military Graveside Services by the Van Wert American Legion and VFW posts.

Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Friday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory.

Preferred memorials are to Salem Presbyterian Church Improvement Fund or Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.