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Bruce Kingery

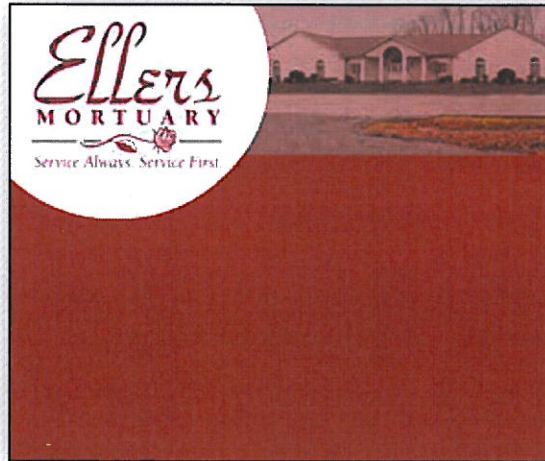
Bruce Kingery, 91, Rochester Hills, Mich., passed away at 5:29 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, Mich.

Bruce was a native of Indiana (New Albany), the son of the late Glenda Earl Kingery and Frances Emma Foster.

He was a longtime resident of Kokomo, where he began his music career playing saxophone in many of the bands and orchestras of the pre-World War II era. After the war, he again played in small bands in the North Central Indiana area until he became active in the United Auto Workers Union, Local 292, at Delco Radio/Delco Electronics Division of General Motors Corp. He was actively involved in the labor movement from 1950 until his retirement in 1985. During his active labor union years, he was first a bargaining committee chairman of UAW Local 292 in Kokomo and later an international representative of the education department, UAW International Union, at Solidarity House, the UAW's headquarters, in Detroit.

As an international representative of the UAW's educational department, he taught hundreds of classes and workshops on related labor education subjects throughout the United States and Canada. He attended Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., earning his B.A., M.A. and Doctor of Education degrees. Appointed by Gov. James Blanchard of Michigan to the board of control (now trustees) of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich., in 1985, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by that university in 1993.

A World War II veteran, with more than 20 years of active and reserve duty, Kingery was retired from the USAR with the rank of captain, USAR. He was a Master Mason.



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