Wilson Ash, 88, of Peru, IN, passed away at 10:54 PM, Thursday, October 14, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN. He was born in Miami County, IN on December 11, 1921 the son of Hubert and Lelah Wilson Ash. Wilson married Catherine Smith in Liberty Center, IN on March 10, 1946 and she survives.

Wilson graduated from Peru High School in 1939 and served in the US Coast Guard from 1942 to 1946. Upon release from the service Wilson returned home to the family farm where he farmed for more than 50 years. Additionally, he was a school bus driver for Erie Township for 9 years.

Wilson and his wife Catherine lovingly raised four children. A man of great faith and integrity he was an active member of the Parkview United Methodist Church. He was a sustaining member of the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the United Methodist Nomads, where he volunteered in missions. He had worked in Africa, Brazil, Alaska and numerous states within the continental United States. He and his wife Catherine were active in mission work for more than 25 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife Kate are his children Alan Ash and his wife Marsha, Galen Ash and his wife Vickie, Marlin Ash and Christina Arwood all of Peru; grandchildren Bradley (Amy) Ash, Scott (Jennifer) Ash, Phillip (Rebakah) Ash, Gayle (Matt) Fulkerson, Kevin (Abby) Arwood, Brian Arwood, Abby (Derrick) Wiles, Beth (Jeff) Johnson, Amber Ash and Lucas Ash; great-grandchildren Caden & Ashton Fulkerson, Elliott Wiles, Vincent & Penelope Ash, Porter Ash and Grant & Claudia Arwood.

A service celebrating the life of Wilson Ash will be held at 10:30 AM, Monday, October 18, 2010 at the Parkview United Methodist Church, 1785 South State Road 19, Peru with Pastor J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, IN with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 2:00-5:00 PM, Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Parkview United Methodist Church Missions.