

Edwin Binstock

O'FALLON, Mo. – Edwin Joseph Binstock, 96, of O'Fallon, Mo., formerly of Rantoul, passed away on Sunday (March 20, 2011) at Delmar Gardens, O'Fallon.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1914, in Walworth, Wis., a son of Joseph and Nellie (Carlton) Binstock. He married Helen Kelley on Dec. 27, 1950, in Fond du Lac, Wis. She survives.

Also surviving are two children, Joe (Sherrie) Binstock of Chillicothe and Mary (Mark) Martin of St. Peters, Mo.; three granddaughters, Leah (Nick) Coleman of Mountain Home, Ark., Rebecca (Patrick) Wilson of St. Louis, Mo., and Rachel Martin of St. Peters, Mo.; a great-grandson, Jack Coleman; a sister, Ruth Dial of Paris, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Howard.

Edwin attended Walworth Grade School and Walworth High School, Culver Stockton College in Missouri and Stout State University, Wisconsin, where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree.

He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and was a member of the 305th Bomb Group. He worked in the Federal Civil Service as a tech school evaluator. Edwin retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Illinois Air National Guard. He was a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

A funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Malachy Catholic Church, 311 E. Grove, Rantoul. Father Steven Bird will officiate. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rantoul.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lux Memorial Chapel, 1551 East Grove, Rantoul.

Memorials may be made to St. Malachy School or to the donor's choice.