



## Cecil L. Saunders

September 4, 1921 - June 21, 2009

Cecil L. Saunders, 87, of New Castle passed away Sunday on Father's Day surrounded by his seven children and family.

Cecil was born September 4, 1921 in Economy, Indiana, a son of the late Anson B. and Opal (Wadman) Saunders.

He was employed at Chrysler Corporation in New Castle retiring in 1977. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre and was awarded three bronze stars. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1282. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and camping and was a devoted father and grandfather.

He is survived by seven children, Terry L Saunders, Jane (husband: Ron) Smith, Thomas B. Saunders all of New Castle, Susie (husband: Ned) Wilson of Dunreith, Leanne (husband: Steve) Wallace and Melissa (husband: Tony) Gregory both of New Castle and Shannon (husband: Jeff) Phelps of Raeford, North Carolina; grandchildren, Todd Saunders and Scott (wife: Amy) Smith both of New Castle, Wendy (husband: Eddy) Polk of Greenfield, Chad (wife: Stacey) Smith of Muncie, Amy Saunders of Seagrove, Florida, Nedra (husband: Ricky) Bryce of Irving, Illinois, Al Wilson of Ohio, Nick Wilson of Knightstown, Bradley Wallace of Anderson, Christopher Wallace and Megan Saunders both of New Castle, Amanda Gebhart (companion: Nick Cecere) of Indianapolis, Casey Gebhart (companion: Brittney Van Matre), Natalie Gebhart, Ethan Gebhart and Coen Gregory all of New Castle and Eric, Gregory and Kyle Phelps all of Raeford, North Carolina; great-grandchildren,

Brandon Radford, Cody and Kelsey Polk, Tyler and Emily Smith, Grace and Lily Saunders and Meghan Dubinger; a sister, Iva Baker of Hanford, California and several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Saunders in 1982; a grandson, Matthew Smith in 2002; a daughter-in-law, Cheri Saunders in 2008 and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Matt Perdue officiating. Military honors will be provided at the funeral home by the American Legion Post 137 and VFW Post 1282. Burial will follow in Green Hills Memory Gardens.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

You may send a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

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“ *My heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Debi Hostick (Polston) class of 68*

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**Debra Hostick (Polston)** - June 24, 2009 at 07:54 PM

JB

“ *Love and prayers to all of you.  
Judy*

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**Judy Barber** - June 24, 2009 at 08:03 AM

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“ *Terry and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. God bless and keep you all in his loving hands.*

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**Nancy (Larrison) Clinton- Ross** - June 23, 2009 at 03:46 PM

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“ *Tony, Melissa and Family--we are so sorry for your loss and I'll be right here, if you need a listening ear.*

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**Steve & Teresa** - June 23, 2009 at 09:27 AM

LB

“ *Please know my sympathy is with all of you. Linda B.*

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**Linda Ballenger** - June 23, 2009 at 08:07 AM

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“ Jane, Leanne and family~

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. May the memories you all share together, give you comfort in this most difficult time. If I can do anything, don't hesitate to ask.*

*Love, Christina*

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**Christina Varrecchione** - June 22, 2009 at 06:14 PM