Charles William Klepzig

Charles William Klepzig, 91, of Westlake went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Charles was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Springfield, Ill., to Charles Henry and Helen Davidson Klepzig. Orphaned at 9 years old, he came to live with his uncle and adoptive father, Willis Klepzig, in Westlake in 1930. He graduated from Westlake High school in 1937 and married Marian Kelley in 1940. He served his country in the U.S. Navy Amphibious Forces in the World War II Pacific Theater. After the war, he and Marian raised their four sons in Westlake and were faithful members of First Baptist Church of Westlake, Westwood Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Lake Charles, where he served as Sunday school teacher, usher, deacon and on various committees over the years.

He worked as a machinist at CitCon for 35 years, and spent three years at the Cities Service Syncrude plant in Canada. He retired in 1982. Charles enjoyed RV camping, square dancing, gardening and playing games with his wife, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. He was an active volunteer with the St. Patrick Hospital Mended Hearts Program, a member of American Legion Post 370, and a charter member of the International Association of Machinists Local 161.

He is survived by Marian, his wife of 71 years, and his four sons, Charlie, Robert and wife Dixie (Moncrief), Jim and wife Katie (Willett), and John and wife Marty. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Mark, Michael, Doug, Kelley (Thomas), Kevin and Jennifer; and six great-grandchildren. His funeral will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 27, at Hixson Funeral Home of Westlake. The Rev. Wayne McEntire will officiate. Burial will be in Westlake Memorial Park in Westlake. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. Monday. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.hixsonfuneralhomes.com.