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## **Merle Coulter**

Merle P. Coulter, 75, of Milan, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Milan, with visitation one hour prior to services. Burial is in Memorial Park Cemetery, Rock Island, with military honors presented by American Legion Posts 569/200 and VFW Post 1303. Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

Merle was born March 18, 1928, in New Boston, son of Frank and Alma Spitznogle Coulter. He married Carol Rennison April 30, 1949, in Rock Island. She preceded him in death Jan. 8, 2004.

He served in the Illinois National Guard. Following his unit's activation, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He worked at Servus Rubber Co. for 18 years and later as a welder for J.I. Case for many years until his retirement.

Merle loved motorcycling, particularly Indian and Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Surviving are his children, Dena Roe and her husband Ben, Sherrard, Kim Coulter, Milan, Darla Yanez, Donna, Texas, Karen Breeden and her husband Rick, Milan, and Mark Coulter, Coal Valley; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; half-brothers, Kenny Stearns, Milan, Jerry Stearns, Viola, Fritz Stearns, Preemption; half-sisters, Connie Smith, Moscow, Iowa, and Lois Alexander, Goshen, Ind.; mother-in-law, Thelma Rennison, Milan. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Randy Coulter; two brothers; and a sister.

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