

George Bender  
Bloomingdale

George M. Bender, 60, of 4N374 Schmale Road, Bloomingdale, died Sunday in his home. He was born Oct. 14, 1915 in Bloomingdale Township, the son of Conrad and Ida Vollrath Bender. He was a resident of Bloomingdale for the last 60 years, and was owner of the Bender Hardware Store in that town for the past 30 years. Mr. Bender was a WWII Navy Veteran. Surviving are his mother of Bloomingdale; two brothers, Reuben of Bloomingdale, and Allen of Gamaliel, Ark.; three sisters, Ruth Jones of Clearwater, Fla., Ethyl Raber of Bloomingdale, and Marjorie Weaver of Gamaliel. He was preceded in death by his father, two sisters, Hazel and Esther, and one brother, Willard. Funeral services will be at 1 pm Wednesday in the Martin Funeral Home Ltd., 333 Roselle Road, Roselle, where the Rev James Beecken will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst. Friends may call in the funeral home from 2 to 9 pm... In lieu of flowers, donations to the American cancer fund or St. Paul United Church of Christ of Bloomingdale, will be appreciated.

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#### Revered Bloomingdaleite Dies

Lifelong resident of the Bloomingdale-Cloverdale area, George Bender, passed away on Sunday evening at the age of 60. Born in Bloomingdale and raised on the family-owned farm in Cloverdale, George served in the Navy during World War II. On return, George became proprietor of the local hardware store, "Bender's", which he operated until the summer of 1975. The store was closed when illness prevented him from working further and George's personal thank you and blessings to the many well-wishers remain in the windows. Local residents and merchants alike will note the absence of this familiar citizen whose habit was to take early daily walks around the town and attract numerous children on the store's stairs for afternoon chats and council. The store survived the influx of shopping centers and larger merchants due to George's ingenious knack of never having a customer leave without some solution for his need or problem. This included the custom adaptation of household appliances devices to fit the bill and the labor cost involved, nil. George is survived by his mother, Ida Bender; sisters, Ruth Jones of Clearwater, Fla.; Marjorie Weaver of Gamaliel, Ark.; Ethyl Raber of Bloomingdale; brothers, Allen of Gamaliel, Ark.; and Rubin of Cloverdale; niece, Beverly Scharlaw of Bloomingdale; John Bender of Winfield and three great nieces. Services were held Wed., Feb 11, 1976, at Martin Funeral Home Elgin.

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