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Robert Ash Williamson, 97, of Springfield, formerly of Williamsville, passed away Sunday, April 10, 2011, at St. Joseph's Home.

Robert was born in Beason on October 21, 1913, to Elmer and Amy (Ash) Williamson. He married Helen M. Cuff in 1945 in Springfield; she passed away in February 2002. His brother, Carroll, and his sister, Virginia, also preceded him in death.

Robert was a graduate of Auburn High School. He was a [WWII](#) veteran and proudly served his country in the [U.S. Navy](#) from 1941 to 1945 as a Photographer's First Mate in Panama. He was the owner and operator of Robert A. Williamson Co. Photographer for the Graphic Arts. He was a member of the Williamsville United Methodist Church and the Sangamon County Farm Bureau. He was a lifetime member of the NRA. Robert collected guns and knives, enjoyed dogs, hunting, camping and traveling to Colorado and Alaska.

He is survived by three sons, Robert L. (wife, Kathleen) Williamson and Neil M. (wife, Patti) Williamson both of Springfield and Dr. Rex D. (wife, Jennifer) Williamson of Ottawa; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 4 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at Vancil-Murphy Funeral Home. Additional visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of a funeral service at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the Williamsville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dick Piscatelli officiating. Burial will follow in Walnut Hill Cemetery near Williamsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sangamon County Sheriff's Honor Guard or the Salvation Army Capital Campaign.