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John Thornton Wolford Sr., 83, of Lucasville, passed away surrounded by family and friends, Monday, June 11, 2012, at SOMC Hospice.   
  
He was born Nov. 9, 1928, in Otway; a son of the late Chester Ray and Helen Thornton Wolford.   
  
John was a retired Shift Captain of the Goodyear Atomic Police Department with 34 years of service, a U.S. Army Korean War veteran, a member of the Lucasville Branch of the Community of Christ, and a 1946 Otway High School graduate. John was a 50-year member of the Lucasville Masonic Lodge 465 and a former Republican Committeeman. He was an avid sports fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cincinnati Reds, and the Valley Indians. John was honored by the Valley Local Schools as their No. 1 sports fan and was an honorary member of the Valley Alumni Hall of Fame.   
  
He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Alberta Jane Kennard Wolford who he married Dec. 14, 1956, in Otway; one son John (Sigrid) Wolford Jr. of Lucasville; one daughter Julie (Tim) Mosley of Lucasville; two grandchildren Lauren and Drew Wolford; one sister Mary Ellen LaRue of Largo, Fla; four nieces; one nephew; and his good friend and fellow athletic booster, Ralph Merritt Sr.   
  
He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter Amy Ann Wolford; one brother Chester Ray Wolford.   
  
Funeral services will be conducted 7:30 p.m.   
  
Thursday, June 14, 2012, at Valley High School with Elders Paul Crabtree and Paul Gregory officiating.   
  
A Masonic funeral will follow.   
  
Friends may call 4:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the gymnasium.   
  
Graveside military services will be conducted 1 p.m. Friday in Scioto Burial Park by the William A. Baker and James Irwin Posts of the American Legion. Arrangements are under the direction of the McKinley Funeral Home in Lucasville.   
  
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Athletic Boosters, c/o Amanda Kinskey P.O. Box 1095, Lucasville, Ohio 45648, or SOMC Hospice, 2201 25th St.   
  
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

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