



James A. Kerley

April 15, 1933 - October 18, 2006

James A. Kerley, son of Avery Kerley & Elizabeth f?oMaef?? (Young) Kerley, was born April 15, 1933 in the Simpson Township of Johnson County, Illinois. He departed this life Wednesday afternoon, October 18, 2006 at 1 PM at his home near Simpson, IL.

At the time of his passing, James had attained the age of 73 years 6 months & 3 days.

James was united in marriage to Leda J. Bullock on April 30, 1955 in Union County, Illinois. She survives.

Other survivors include: 2 Daughters f?" Betty Mersinger & her husband Wayne of Loogootee, IN, Susan Botarf & her husband Jerry of Simpson, IL; a Son f?" Michael Kerley & his wife Jennifer of Grantsburg, IL; 8 Grandchildren f?" Jenny & Jason Brown, Jonathan & Caron Botarf, Steven Mersinger, Lauren Mersinger, Jeffrey Mersinger, Vanessa Botarf, Avery Kerley and Kassia Kerley; 1 Great Granddaughter f?" Ashlyn Botarf; 6 Sisters f?" Frances Rohrer of Vienna, IL, Mary & George Stone of Grantsburg, IL, Dorothy & Jack Jones of Metropolis, IL, Kathy & Virgil Walker of West Paducah, KY, Jeanne & Bob McCall of Buncombe, IL and Anita & Roger Ditterline of Simpson, IL; 3 Brothers f?" Robert & Pattie Kerley of Scappoose, OR, Carlos & Elly Kerley of Vienna, IL and Kenneth & Cheryl Kerley of the Flatwoods community; Several Nieces, Nephews & Cousins.

In addition to his Parents, James was preceded in death by: 1 Brother f?" Curtis Kerley.

James was a United States Army Veteran having served during the Korean Conflict.

He was a farmer and had retired from the Dixon Springs Agriculture Center as a Cattle Foreman.

James was a member of the Gurney Masonic Lodge #778 in Simpson, IL. He was the President of the Kerley Cemetery Board.

James was a member of the County Line Baptist Church, where he had served as a Sunday School Teacher & had been a Deacon since September 14, 1969. He was also a Board Member & Messenger of the Union Baptist Association.

James enjoyed farming. He loved spending time & 4 wheeling with his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning, October 21, 2006 at 11 AM at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, IL. Rev. David Faulkner will officiate.

Burial will be in the Kerley Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 PM *f?*" 8 PM Friday at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Kerley Cemetery Association, c/o Donnie Morris, R.R. 1, Box 276, Simpson, IL 62985, County Line Baptist Church, c/o Donnie Morris, R.R. 1, Box 276, Simpson, IL 62985 or Lourdes Hospice, 616 Market Street, Metropolis, IL 62960.

Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Kerley*

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