



## John Vernial Odum

July 24, 1922 - July 12, 2003

John Vernial Odum, son of John H. Odum & Lillian M. (Brown) Odum, was born July 24, 1922 in Johnson County, Illinois. He departed this life Saturday afternoon, July 12, 2003, at 12:05 PM at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Marion, Illinois. At the time of his passing, Vernial had attained the age of 80 years 11 months & 18 days.

Vernial was united in marriage to Oma (Walden) on January 18, 1947 in Johnson County Illinois. She survives.

Other survivors include: 2 Daughters – Verna Kay & David Gunther of Goreville, IL and Charlene & Larry Baity of Goreville, IL; 3 Grandchildren – Lonnie Gunther, Scott Baity, & Staci Feather; 2 Great Grandchildren – Dustin Gunther & Aaron Gunther; a Brother – Wayne Odum of Tunnel Hill, IL; 3 Sisters – Imogene McMahan of Tunnel Hill, IL, Geraldine Cavitt of Vienna, IL, and Mary Lee Veach of Reidland, KY; other relatives & many dear friends. In addition to his Parents, Vernial was preceded in death by: a Son – Billy Odum; and 2 Sisters.

Vernial was a U.S Army veteran. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

Vernial was employed as a die press operator at the former Dura Containers Manufacturing Plant in Herrin, IL. He was a lifelong farmer. Vernial was a skilled woodworker. He enjoyed carpentry work and had operated a sawmill. Vernial was of the Pentecostal faith.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, July 15, 2003, at 1 PM at

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. Robert Schierbaum & Rev. Jeffrey Bealmear will officiate. Burial, with military graveside rites, will be in the Graves Cemetery, north of Vienna, IL.

Friends may call after 6 PM Monday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 805 W. DeYoung St., Marion, IL. 62959.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vernial Odum*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM