



## Philip J. Bloodworth

December 3, 1930 - May 8, 2009

Philip J. "P.J." Bloodworth, age 78, peacefully passed away Friday afternoon, May 8, 2009, at 2:01 PM at his home in New Burnside, Illinois.

He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on December 3, 1930. When very young, the family moved to south of Marion, IL to be with and care for his maternal grandparents. Philip attended Lentz Grade School and Marion High School. Philip was drafted into the army in 1954 during the Korean Conflict. Stationed stateside at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he became part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he taught welding, diesel engine and heavy equipment maintenance and repair. These skills he kept using most of his life.

In February 1955, he married Ethel Jack from north of Marion, IL. In 1960, they bought their farm at New Burnside where they still live.

In 1961, Philip joined the International Union of Operating Engineers Local # 513 in Farmington, Missouri. He worked many years in the highway construction field. He helped construct I-55; I-57; and I-24; bypass of Bagnal Dam at Lake Ozark, Missouri; and a highway project in Branson, Missouri. Philip withdrew from the IUOE in 1982 and in 1984, he bought the Prentice Fletcher Garage in Ozark, IL where he and his son Joel operated a successful business of welding, antique head & block repair, and general mechanics. Philip semi-retired after a head-on automobile collision in 1991. His son Joel

continued operating the shop.

Philip leaves behind his wife Ethel; son Joel and daughter-in-law Donna Bloodworth; daughter Kristie George; 4 grandsons - Casey Bloodworth, Cory Bloodworth, Jessie George, and Jamie George all of New Burnside; a brother Kenneth and sister-in-law Devona Bloodworth of Sebree, KY; many nieces and nephews in Marion, Herrin, and Carterville, IL and Sebree, KY.

Philip was preceded in death by his father Philip Bloodworth, Sr. of Texas; his mother Marie (Butts) Lowe of New Burnside, IL; and his brother - Lloyd Bloodworth of Marion, IL.

Philip was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time working on his farm, driving the tractor, and tending to his animals. He cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 11, 2009, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial will be in the Wise-Robinson Cemetery, north of Ozark, IL.

Friends may call from 12 Noon - 2 PM Monday at Bailey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4503 W. DeYoung St., Suite 200C, Marion, IL 62959.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Philip J. Bloodworth*

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