



Robert C. Gurley

May 31, 1935 - January 25, 2015

Robert C. Gurley, age 79 years, a resident of Metropolis and a native of the Buncombe community, passed away Sunday evening, January 25, 2015, at 10:25 PM at the Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis.

Robert was born May 31, 1935 on the family farm near Buncombe. He was the son of Jesse & Opal (Pentecost) Gurley.

Robert was united in marriage to Claudette J. "JoAnn" Hopkins in 1956. She preceded him in death on February 3, 2011.

Robert is survived by his brother & sister-in-Law – Ray G. & Linda L. Gurley of Buncombe.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Robert was preceded in death by his stepmother – Lora Mae Gurley and his half-brother – Herbert Jesse Gurley, who was killed in action aboard the U.S.S. Arizona in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Robert was a 1954 graduate of Vienna High School. He earned a Bachelor Degree in Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and later earned his Master of Education Degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign. Robert was an educator. He taught Middle School for many years

in the Granite City Public School system prior to his retirement.

Robert was a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and the occasional hunting trip. Robert particularly enjoyed visiting southern Illinois and spending time on the family farm.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, January 28, 2015, at 2:30 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Dr. Ed Hollis officiated. Burial was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, near Buncombe.

Visitation was held Wednesday afternoon, January 28, 2015, from 1 PM – 2:30 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials are suggested to the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Fund, c/o Terry Norris, 300 May Avenue, Buncombe, IL 62912.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

IL Route 146 West
Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert C. Gurley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Gurley*



Bobby Rentfro - January 28, 2015 at 04:55 PM



“ *Robert was a dear friend from school days. He was the first person to treat me to dinner at Bob White Cafe. I will remember him with warm loving thoughts.
May God bless the family in this time of sorrow.*

*My maiden name was Virginia Campbell
I married Glenn Breeden in 1955. After his death i married Bob Jones.*

Virginia Campbell Jones - January 28, 2015 at 08:44 AM



“ *Virginia Campbell Jones lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Gurley*



Virginia Campbell Jones - January 28, 2015 at 08:33 AM

WF

“ *Wanda Florey lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Gurley*



Wanda Florey - January 26, 2015 at 08:57 PM

RH

“ *Rickey And Sandra Harner lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Gurley*



rickey and sandra harner - January 26, 2015 at 12:27 PM