



Robert E. Simmons

September 26, 1928 - June 28, 2008

Robert Eugene Simmons

Age: 79 years

A resident of Evansville, IN since 1957 and a native of the Tunnel Hill community in Johnson County, IL.

Passed away Saturday evening, June 28, 2008, at his home in Evansville, IN.

Bob was born September 26, 1928 in Tunnel Hill, IL. He was the son of Guy Simmons & Beulah (Cavitt) Simmons.

Bob was united in marriage to Clara Lou "Tommy" Lawrence on February 16, 1956 in Goreville, IL. She survives.

Other survivors include:

a Daughter - Cathy Sue Russell, and her husband Robert, of Carterville, IL

2 Granddaughters - Jennifer Lee Melfi of Carterville, IL

Kristi Lynn Rapach, and her husband Jim, of Zeigler, IL

a Step Granddaughter - Tammy Renee Rhoads, and her husband Brandon, of Benton, IL

a Step Grandson - Brian Robert Russell, and his wife Sarah, of Cape Girardeau, MO

2 Great Granddaughters - India Rose Rapach & Madalaine Belle Russell
a Great Grandson - Duncan James Rhoads

Bob was looking forward to the birth of another Great Grandchild in December 2008.

Bob was preceded in death by his Parents, Guy & Beulah Simmons.

Bob was a 1945 graduate of the Vienna High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 - 1952 during the Korean conflict. He was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Bob was a former member of the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222 in Vienna, IL. He was a life member of VFW Post 1114 in Evansville, IN.

Bob was employed for approx. 36 years as a repairman at Whirlpool Corporation in Evansville, IN. He retired in 1991.

Bob was a 56 year member of the New Burnside Masonic Lodge # 772 AF&AM. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Bob enjoyed quail hunting, fishing, gardening, working crossword puzzles, camping, traveling, and spending time with his family & friends. He loved the farm and was never happier than when he would get on his tractor and go riding, or as he would say, "to see the back forty acres." He will be greatly missed, but is now in God's hands and is released of the pain that he has endured for many years - Rest in Peace.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday morning, July 2, 2008, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. High Priest Glenn Webb and Elder Kenneth Webb will officiate. Burial will be in the Webb Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded.

Friends may call from 6 PM - 8 PM Tuesday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Masonic rites will be accorded at 8 PM Tuesday by New Burnside

Masonic Lodge # 772 AF&AM.

Memorials may be made to the Webb Cemetery Fund, c/o Phil Webb, 5140 Tunnel Hill Road, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972 or to the Community of Christ (Webb) Church, c/o Dale Hodge, 5860 Tunnel Hill Road, Goreville, IL 62939.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. Simmons*

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