



Wayne E. Watkins

April 27, 1928 - July 20, 2011

Wayne E. Watkins

Age: 83 years

A resident of rural Grantsburg, Illinois.

Passed away Wednesday morning, July 20, 2011, at 5:08 AM at the Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna.

Wayne was born April 27, 1928 in Pope County Illinois. He was the son of Esco and Villa (Faulkner) Watkins.

Wayne was united in marriage to Opal S. Choate. She survives.

Other survivors include:

A Son - Steven Wayne Watkins, and his wife Dianne, of Grantsburg, IL

A Daughter-in-Law - Kathy Watkins of New Burnside, IL

5 Grandchildren - Marshall Watkins

Melissa Hall

Richard Watkins

Kenny Swisher

Rachel Thomas

8 Great Grandchildren

A Brother - Esco Watkins, Jr. of the Ledford community
Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, other relatives & many dear friends.

In addition to his Parents, Wayne was preceded in death by:

A Son - Stanley Watkins

A Brother - James E. Watkins

2 Sisters - Alice Reynolds and Pauline Choate

Wayne was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He had served on Guam Island as a medic.

Wayne had worked as a construction operator and was a former member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local # 318. Later, Wayne worked for Peabody Coal Company as a miner. He worked primarily at the Will Scarlet Mine near Stonefort, IL prior to his retirement. Wayne was a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

Wayne, along with his wife Opal, were founders and members of Grace Chapel at Carrier Mills, Illinois.

Wayne was a "tinkerer" and loved working on farm machinery. He enjoyed trading and bartering. Wayne loved to hunt ginseng and his C.B. handle was "ginseng."

Funeral services will be held Friday evening, July 22, 2011, at 6 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. Billy Thomas will officiate.

Burial will be in the Little Saline Cemetery near Stonefort, Illinois.

Visitation will be from 4:30 PM - 6 PM Friday at Bailey Funeral Home in

Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Hillview Health Care Center (Activities Fund),
512 North 11th St. Vienna, IL 62995.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wayne E. Watkins*

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