



Cunningham J. Billy

February 3, 2004

Billy J. Cunningham, age 78, of Gravois Mills, passed away Tuesday morning, February 3, 2004 at his home. He was born August 15, 1925 in Hamilton, Mississippi, the son of Thomas Cosby and Myra Sanders Cunningham.

He was united in marriage in 1947 with Birtie Campbell who survives of the home.

Mr. Cunningham was a retired air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624 in Sunrise Beach, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a volunteer for the Gravois Mills Fire Protection District.

He is survived by his wife, Birtie Cunningham of the home; two sons, Ronald Cunningham and wife Donna, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Lyle Cunningham and wife Linda, of Tuscumbia; one daughter, Emily Heller and husband Marty of Gravois Mills; a daughter-in-law, Penny Cunningham of Chicago, Illinois; two brothers, Ferrell Cunningham of Aberdeen, Mississippi, and Glen Cunningham of Lafayette, Indiana; two sisters, Kate Winders of Hamilton, Mississippi, and Frances Wojthski of Vernon, Alabama; 10 grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 9 step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Cunningham.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 7, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie-Sunrise Beach Chapel in Laurie. Military honors and interment will be in Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie-Sunrise Beach Chapel in Laurie. Memorial contributions are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.