



Norman E. Blanks

June 13, 1925 - April 6, 2011

Norman E. Blanks, age 85, of Gravois Mills, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia. He was born June 13, 1925, in St. Joseph, Missouri, the son of the late Roy and Edna Cooper Blanks.

On May 25, 1952, he was united in marriage to Martha L. Kain, who preceded him in death on August 25, 2004.

Norman enjoyed mushroom hunting, fishing, coon hunting, and playing horseshoes.

He is survived by his sons, Butch Blanks and wife Cecelia of Panama City, Florida, and Billy Blanks and wife Susan, J.T. Blanks, and Roy Lee Blanks and wife Penny all of Gravois Mills; his daughters, Loretta Armstrong and husband Bill, Luchier Crawford, and Raylene Bentch and husband Kriston all of Versailles, and Mary Fay Dial and husband Tom of Eldon; his brother, Billy Lee Blanks and wife Donna of Kansas City, Missouri; his sisters, Helen Jean Cook of Versailles and Fay Bell and husband Pat of Kansas City, Missouri; twenty-five grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon, Monday, April 11, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with the Reverend Denzil Webb officiating.

Graveside service and interment will follow in the Freedom Cemetery in Versailles. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

APR 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ A very short time after the Hendricks family moved to Gravois Mills, Bob had his first heart attack. We needed wood for the winter. Someone referred me to Mr. Blanks and gave me directions. I was very intimidated when meeting him for the first time. But his friendly personality made me very comfortable. He brought us some wood he had already cut and promised to stop by the next day to cut some of our trees for us. And as promised he showed up to be sure we had plenty of wood to get us through the rest of the month. He refused any payment, saying he was glad to help and if we needed more, he would think about charging us the next time around and just laughed. He will always have a special place in my heart. He was definately a kind, giving man. We all felt so priviledged to know him. Good bye my friend. I'm glad you and Martha will be together again. Say hi to Bob and Nikki for me.

Barbara Dunman Hendricks Harris

Previously of Gravois Mill, MO

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