



Ralph Arthur Roark

December 10, 2007

Ralph Arthur Roark, age 74, of Tuscumbia, passed away Monday, December 10, 2007, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born October 26, 1933, in Dixon, Missouri, the son of Everett and Nora Panky Roark.

On December 24, 1951, at the Mt. Zion Church in Tuscumbia, he was united in marriage with Dixie Sooter.

Ralph was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He owned and operated the Marshfield Meat Processing Plant for several years. He was a member of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America, and was a scoutmaster in Marshfield. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and sponsoring the softball team in Marshfield called the "Slaughterhouse Gang". He was a member of the Marshfield First Christian Church where he also served as a deacon.

He is survived by his wife Dixie Roark of the home; one son, John Bradley Roark of Festus, Missouri; two daughters, Lisa Lynn Roark and Lara Dawn Roark both of Tuscumbia; two grandchildren, Alyssa Nicole Gortney and William Arthur Gortney both of Tuscumbia; one sister Carolyn Fenton of Eldon; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Robin Laree Roark; one brother; and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 13, 2007, at the Mt. Zion Christian Church in Tuscumbia with Reverend Gene Edwards officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Thursday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association. To send online condolences to the family, visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.