



Robert E. Howard

May 14, 2007

Robert E. Howard, age 75, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Monday, May 14, 2007, at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. He was born July 8, 1931, in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Robert F. and Bernice Behm Howard.

On July 23, 1988, in Peoria, Illinois, he was united in marriage with Norma Baldwin who survives of the home.

Robert retired from General Motors as a service representative after several years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, a member of the Westlake Christian Church in Laurie and the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624 in Sunrise Beach. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Robert Eugene Howard Jr. and wife Beverly of Kingston Mines, Illinois, and Dale A. Howard Sr. and wife Becky of Peoria, Illinois; three daughters, Diana Lynn Reiling and husband John of Peoria, Illinois, Teri Mesa and husband Al, and Linda Sprague and husband Chris both of Brimfield, Illinois; two step-sons, Michael Ellenburg and wife Jody of Nashville, Tennessee, and Richard Ellenburg and his son Marty of Peoria Heights, Illinois; two step-daughters, Beverly Bear and husband Mike of Carthage, Illinois, and Deborah Trueblood and husband Ron of Peoria, Illinois; fifteen grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; eight great-

grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Raymond Howard and wife Maxine of Hanna City, Illinois; one sister Deloris Garske of Bartonville, Illinois; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents one sister, Betty Rudloff and one grandson, David Howard preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 18, at the Westlake Christian Church in Laurie with Dr. Jim Sutherlin officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17, at the church. Interment with full military honors will be held in the Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Westlake Christian Church. To send online condolences to the family visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.