



Robert I. Franklin

September 8, 1927 - July 22, 2016

ROBERT I. FRANKLIN

Robert I. Franklin, 88, of Ashland, Mississippi, passed away Friday, July 22, 2016 in his home. He was born September 8, 1927 in Mattoon, Illinois, a son of Wayne and Jessie Marie (Ghere) Franklin.

He was united in marriage to Hazel Cornell Shore on September 21, 1947 in Versailles, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by parents and two sisters, Betty Ritz and Lois Fletcher.

Survivors include his wife, Cornell of the home; a son, Richard Franklin of Memphis, Tennessee; two daughters, Connie Marie Lambert and husband Mike of Clark Ridge, Arkansas and Lisa Croslow and husband Bob of Ashland, Mississippi; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Betty Shore of Versailles and a host of other relatives and friends.

Robert was raised in Gravois Mills, Missouri and was a graduate of Versailles High School in the class of 1947. He served his country in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He founded Franklin Engineering Company, Inc. in 1969. A hydraulic and pneumatic distribution company that has grown to

include Sloan Fluid Accessories, Inc. and serves the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Shriner. He also a member of Faith Anglican Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Burial will follow in Versailles Cemetery. Visitation will be 1-2 p.m., Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Salvation Army or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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