



Clarence Charles Davis

February 8, 1917 - September 24, 2012

Clarence Charles Davis, 95, of Manito, passed away Monday, September 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Pekin Hospital.

Clarence was born February 8, 1917 in rural Tremont, IL to Charles and Anna Schmidt Davis. In 1924, the family moved to Pekin where he graduated from Pekin High in 1936. He became known by his nickname “Lefty”, and excelled in softball and baseball, playing in three different leagues. During high school, he was employed by Larkin Bakery. After graduation, he was offered a job at Caterpillar and recruited to pitch softball on their team. He was drafted into the military on March 11, 1941 and proudly served in the Army until his discharge in 1945. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and represented his Company as a sharp shooter. Upon his discharge, he returned to Pekin and became an Ironworker, joining Ironworkers Local 112 Peoria.

In 1945 he met Jessie Allen and they were married in Pekin on April 12, 1946. After 65 years, of marriage, Jessie preceded him in death on July 21, 2011. Together, they had four children, two of which are surviving: Rozanna Davis of St. Louis, MO; and Curt (Tammy) Davis of Farmington, one daughter-in-law, Dolly Davis of Manito; his sister, Shirley (Stan) Wade of Pekin, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Richard Davis, one daughter, Kellie Jo Davis; and one granddaughter, Christy Davis and two sisters, Elizabeth Scherer and Eleanor

Davis.

In 1961, Clarence was baptized at Egypt Community Church in rural Manito.

Among his many interests, Clarence was an avid gardener, whose specialty was sweet potatoes, which he loved sharing with all.

He was a 67 year member of Ironworkers Local 112, and a member of the Manito American Legion. He served as a past president of Spring Lake Sportsman Club and in recent years, became a member of Chataqua Sportsman Club. He also served on the board and as Past President of Antioch Cemetery.

His funeral will be held at Noon, on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito with visitation two hours prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Forman Valley Public Library, 404 ½ S. Harrison St., Manito, IL 61546. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of arrangements.

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