



James Ray Bailey

September 18, 1930 - September 19, 2014

James Ray Bailey, 84, of Pekin, passed away at 8:01 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014 at Timber Creek Rehab Center in Pekin. He was born September 18, 1930 in Forest City, IL to Ray Everett and Ruby Alice (Clarkson) Bailey. He married Bonnie June Light on June 12, 1948 in Alcorn, Mississippi. She preceded him in death on October 15, 2012.

Mr. Bailey is survived by nine children, James (Sandra) Bailey of Oquawka, IL, David (Retha) Bailey of Pekin, Randall Bailey of Havana, Carol Bailey of Pekin, Connie Bailey of Pekin, Cheri (David) Schmidt of Medina, OH, Sheila Dockery of Mapleton, Lisa Bailey of Pekin, Doug (Rose Marie) Bailey of Prescott, WI, 24 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. Also surviving are two brothers, Paul Bailey of Havana and Doug Bailey of Honduras. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, 1/2 brother Harold, 1/2 sister Esther, granddaughter, Terri Bailey, sons, Michael Dean Bailey and Larry Keith Bailey, two grandchildren, James Bailey Jr. and Raymond Bailey and great-grandson Tempest Kiesner.

Mr. Bailey was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Pekin. He worked his whole life in sawmills, owning and operating Riverside Lumber Co. for many years. He built and raced stock cars. In retirement he sold produce locally.

Funeral services will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana at 2:00 p.m.

on Monday, September 22, 2014 with visitation two hours prior to the services. Burial will follow the services at Kilbourne Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to his family. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Ray Bailey*

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