



Estel (Pete) Rucker

January 29, 1932 - January 20, 2010

Services were 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, in Montgomery-Viets Chapel with the Rev. Richard Willis and the Rev. Loren Dryer officiating. The Rev. Ken Morris gave the prayer. Music was by the Rex Hart Quartet which sang, "Amazing Grace" and "Go Rest High on That Mountain." Burial was in A.B. Cemetery at Celt with military honors by the Galmey VFW Post 9638.

Escorts were Andy Glor, Gary Berry, Brad Nyberg, Darrell Willis, Mark Zimmerman and Dale Zimmerman.

Estel (Pete) Rucker, 77, was born Jan. 29, 1932, in Celt. He died Jan. 20, 2010, in Colonial Springs Healthcare Center, Buffalo.

He graduated in 1950 from Tunas High School where he excelled in sports. After graduation he went to Kansas City and then to Michigan and Washington to work.

He returned home due to the draft and served in the Korean War until he was wounded. After being honorably discharged he returned home.

He was united in marriage with Mary Sue Slavens on July 19, 1954, in Lebanon. To this union one daughter and one son were born.

He was a lifelong member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at Macks Creek.

He retired in 2000 with a total of 33 years of bus driving for Tunas and Skyline Schools. He was a fan of the Skyline girls basketball teams and a devoted St. Louis Cardinal fan.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sophia Rucker; and two brothers:

Chester and Jerry Bill.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Mary Sue; his daughter, Vicky and husband, Roger Hilbrenner; his son, Monte; two grandchildren: Chessa Nyberg and Sam Eidson; his sister, Alberta and husband, Clyde Hart; several nieces and nephews; and a host of dear friends.

Tribute Wall



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