



Herman E. Sparks

March 30, 1922 - June 7, 2008

Herman E. Sparks, age 86, of Highland, IL., died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born March 30, 1922, in Onley, IL., the son of George and Hazel (Vaughn) Sparks Gregory.

On May 11, 1940, he married Janet N. Sparks nee Carson , who passed away October 2, 1987.

Mr. Sparks served with the US Army Infantry from July 25, 1944 until Dec. 20, 1945, with duty in Central Europe, the Rhineland, and Ardennes; was a prisoner of war in Germany for three months. Lived in Salem, IL, after marriage. He and his wife travelled through out the US as he followed the boilermaker welding trade. They settled in Highland, IL, March, of 1963. He retired in 1973. He built a mirrored ball at Lindendale Park Ball Room and made stainless steel belt buckles. He enjoyed traveling especially going on Bus Tours.

He was a member of VFW Post 5694; Honorary member of Helvetia Sharpshooters Society; Lee Iten Post 439, American Legion; Highland Masonic Lodge 583 AF & AM for 43 years; all of Highland, IL; and Life Member POW-Okaw Valley Chapter; American Ex Prisoner of War Life Member.

Survivors include Daughter-Carolyn S. (James) Jackson of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Donna J. Sparks (Partner Susan Michalet) of Alexandria, Va., Companion-Frances \"Tootie\" Barth of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-James Allen Jackson of Vernon, Ill., Grandchild-Connie Rene (Ted) Zobrist of Highland, Ill., Great Grandchild-Brittney Rene Zobrist of Highland, Ill., Half Sister-Bonnie Lou Kelly of Scottsdale, Ariz., Step Sister-Molly Ann

He was preceded in death by Father-George L. Sparks, Mother-Hazel E. (nee Vaughn) Sparks Gregory, Wife-Janet N. Sparks nee Carson died 10/02/1987, Brother-Charles W. Sparks (Died1997), Brother-James Sparks died at age 3

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.