



Melvin E. Volkert

July 6, 1927 - January 31, 2012

Melvin E. Volkert, age 84 of Highland, IL, died Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, July 06, 1927, in Dennison, IL, the son of Charles W. and Nellie (nee Eller) Volkert.

On Sunday, June 06, 1948, he married Shirley E. Volkert (nee Donnelly) who survives.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ.

He was also a member of Meat Cutters Local #534.

Born at Dennison, IL, as an infant moved to Pierron, IL. Graduate of Highland High School in 1946. Veteran of the US Army, served from 1946 thru 1948 during WWII, with duty in the Occupied in Japan. He started at Haller's Meat Market as a meat cutter; C. Kinne & Company; Gutzler Tom Boy Market and retired after 33 years. He and his wife operated Highland Sweet Shoppe for approximately one year; then they operated a dried flower business for 14 years. In retirement he was head custodian at Highland Home for 12 years. He enjoyed growing a big garden and woodworking.

Survivors include:

Wife - Shirley E. Volkens, Highland, IL

Son - Richard M. Volkens, Columbus, OH

Daughter - Sandra S. Volkens, Des Moines, WA

Sister - Charlene Holmes, Belleville, IL

Grandchild - Katherine E. Volkens, Columbus, OH

Grandchild - Michael R. Volkens, Columbus, OH

Sister In-law - Edith Kaufman, Highland, IL

Sister In-law - Lucille J. Schwarz, Highland, IL

Many Nieces and Nephews

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Charles W. Volkens

Mother - Nellie Volkens

Brother - Jack Volkens

Sister In-law - Alice Plocher

Brother In-law - Edwin Donnelly, Jr.

Brother In-law - Harold Donnelly

Brother In-law - Herbert Donnelly