



Orville J. \"Pete\" Rutz

April 18, 1922 - October 16, 2005

Orville Jacob Rutz, age 83, of Highland Ill., died Sunday, October 16, 2005, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland.

Mr. Rutz was born April 18, 1922, in Highland, Ill., the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Mueller) Rutz. On August 7, 1950, he married Marianna Beck in Pocahontas, Ark., who survives.

He grew up in the Highland area and served with the Merchant Marines for four years with duty in Europe and South America. He had worked for Edwardsville Radiator Company, Western Cartridge Company-Wood River, Deuche's Powdered Egg Plant-Highland, and the Highland Box Board, prior to his marriage. After his marriage, he became an electrician for Dressel Electric, later working for Drda Electric, where he retired. He had enjoyed cutting grass with an old Ford tractor, gardening, and collecting antiques, especially glassware.

He was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, Ill. and was a member of the IBEW#309 Collinsville, Ill., for over 50 years.

Survivors also include Son-in-law-Bruce A. Bellm of Highland, Ill., Granddaughter-Katie B. (Jason) Henrichs of Highland, Ill., Granddaughter-Becky E. Bellm of Highland, Ill., Sister-Estelle E. Bloemker of Highland, Ill., Great

Grandchild-Allison M. Henrichs of Highland, Ill., and Great Grandchild-Raeghan K. Henrichs of Highland, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daughter-Beverly K. Bellm, who died 7/24/2001; Sister-Eunice E. Dressel, who died 6/06/2000; Sister-Celesta B. Gaertner, who died 2/10/1998); Sister-Paula A. Suess, who died 8/20/1959; and Brother-Lawrence C. Rutz, who died 1/15/1986.