



Wilton C. Rinkel

October 25, 1915 - December 8, 2008

Wilton C Rinkel, age 93, of Hamel, IL., died Monday, December 8, 2008, at Alhambra Care Center in Alhambra, IL.

He was born October 26, 1915, south of Hamel, IL., the son of John and Ann (Conrad) Rinkel.

On January 13, 1940, he married Evelyn S. Rinkel nee Schaefer died 10/27/2001 , who passed away October 27, 2001.

Mr. Rinkel was born on the family farm near Hamel, IL and attended Quercus Grove School. He farmed and also worked at Cassen Transport and later at The Hartford Tannery. He then worked for Shell Oil Co. and retired in 1985. Wilton lived his entire life on US Route 66 helping stranded motorist, and assisting at the many accidents that occurred near his home on Rinkel's Curve. He enjoyed and promoted Route 66 and was inducted to the Route 66 Hall of Fame in 1966. He also loved to farm. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church-Edwardsville.

He was also a Hamel Precinct Committee Man, Member of Rt. 66 Hall of Fame.

Survivors include Son-Glenn E. (Marlene) Rinkel of Blaine, Wash., Son-Robert W. (Virginia) Rinkel of Leslie, Mich., Daughter-Linda R. (Richard) Henry of New Douglas, Ill., Daughter-Judy A. Jenkins of Edwardsville, Ill., Daughter-Jane M. Peraino of Lehigh Acres, Fla. 14 Grandchildren, 25 Great Grandchildren and 1 Great Great Grandchild

He was preceded in death by Father-John Rinkel, Mother-Ann Rinkel, nee Conrad, Wife-Evelyn S. Rinkel nee Schaefer died 10/27/2001, Siblings-Two Infants, Son-In-Law-Douglas Jenkins died 3/23/1995, Grandchild-Infant .

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Hamel, Ill.