



Charlie M. Rowden

December 14, 1917 - December 2, 2006

Charlie M. Rowden, age 88, of Murphysboro, passed away at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, December 2, 2006, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at Pettett Funeral Home with his great nephew Rev. Steve Cripps officiating and burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday until 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, as a memorial to Mr. Rowden's daughter Deborah, who died of cancer.

Charlie was born on December 14, 1917, in Ten Mile, Tennessee, to James S. Rowden and Anne (Palmer) Rowden. He grew up in Carbondale and went to SIU-C.

He served in the Merchant Marines during WW II.

Mr. Rowden had been a coal miner and then worked as an electrician for almost twenty one years at Egyptian Electric before he retired. He had also taught school for two years.

He was the Route Oners 4-H leader and he coached both boys and girls softball teams. He was a Red Cross blood donor and would donate when

needed, because he was a universal donor.

Charlie married Mildred Cripps on November 23, 1939, in Chattanooga, TN, and she survives. They moved to Murphysboro after getting married and they just celebrated their sixty seventh wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day.

Other survivors include six children Priscilla Grotheer and her husband Kurt Grotheer of Tampa, FL, Charles Rowden and his wife Wanda Rowden of Monroe, NC, Brenda Krpata and her husband Charles Krpata of Carmel, CA, Gary Rowden and his wife Suellyn Rowden of Murphysboro, Bob Rowden and his companion Marsha Berkowitz of Murphysboro, and Tim Rowden and his wife Anna Rowden of Lansing, MI;

eighteen grandchildren Ann Hoppenstedt Brown, Lisa Hoppenstedt, Jimmy Hoppenstedt, Amy Jackson, Laura Grotheer, Paul Grotheer, Sarah Rowden, Christopher Rowden, Kyle Krpata, Kelly Krpata, Jayna Rowden-Beckman, Garrett Rowden, Jared Rowden, Justin Rowden, Heather Rowden, Lacey Rowden, Jason Cotton and Ryan Cotton;

thirteen great grandchildren;

two sister in laws Edaine Wedemeyer of Steeleville and Bonnie Soland of Sun City, FL;

and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter and son in law Deborah and James Hoppenstedt, three brothers, one sister, and his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charlie M. Rowden*

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“ *Please accept our heartfelt condolences for the loss of Chrlie Rowden.
We pray for you*

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