



## Edwin Lee Bryant

March 16, 1929 - July 2, 2014

Edwin Lee “Ed” Bryant, 85 of Carbondale, passed away Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 11:05 PM at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born March 16, 1929 on a share cropper’s farm north of Jackson, Mo, the third child of William Richard Bryant Sr. and Virginia Reel (Newsom) Bryant.

In 1930 the family moved to a farm in Southwest Williamson County in Illinois from which they were forced to move due to the building of Crab Orchard Lake. They moved into Carbondale in 1941 where Ed lived the rest of his life.

Ed was a graduate of Carbondale Community High School where he met his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Viola “Vi” Miller. They later married on June 12, 1949. She preceded him in death on December 1, 2008.

Ed was a member of HQ Co 3rd Batt 130 Inf Reg 44 Div Illinois National Guard and spent 2 years active duty during the Korean Conflict with the HQ Co 704 Ord Batt 4 Inf Div HQ stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. After his service Ed attended V.T.I./SIUC Graduating in 1958. He worked for the architect office as a draftsman, then for the Physical Plant Engineering Service as chief draftsman at SIUC. Ed retired in 1988.

Ed was active in scouting, serving as assistant scoutmaster and trailmaster troop 133. He was a member of the order of the arrow/brotherhood and was assistant director and drummer for the TSUN.GA.NI Indian dancers. He also served as roundtable commissioner for the Egyptian council. Ed was an accomplished wildfowl carver with 57 awards to his credit from competitions across the United States. He also liked to do scroll saw art.

He is survived by one son Ron (Rebecca) Bryant of Makanda; 4 grandsons, Troy (Samantha) Graff, Jason (Kim) Graff, William Bryant, and Clayton (Jessica Leighner) McCubbin; 2 granddaughters, Kelly Jo Bryant and Jackie Graff; 6 great grandchildren, Kodi Ruble, Kaley, Kory and Kylie Graff, Jona Bryant, and Elaine McCubbin; one great great grandchild, Karson Ruble; and one sister.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife and 1 brother William Richard Bryant Jr.

Visitation will be Monday, July 7, 2014 from 5-8PM at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Edwin Lee "Ed" Bryant will be Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 10:00AM with Pastor N'Sook Hwang officiating at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home. Interment will be in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park with military rites by Marion National Guard.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edwin Lee Bryant*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Ron and the rest of Ed's family. He will be missed. - Gary & Cindy Hall, members of Grace United Methodist Church.*

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**Gary & Cindy Hall** - July 06, 2014 at 04:24 PM



*Ed was a kind and generous man. He was my first assistant scoutmaster in troop 133 and gave me my first backpack. I am sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Randall Black** - July 14, 2014 at 12:08 PM