



Gilbert Lawrence Hand

March 10, 1917 - March 7, 2006

Gilbert "Snow" Lawrence Hand, age 88, of Murphysboro, passed away at 8:38 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at the Rehab and Care Center of Jackson County in Murphysboro.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006, at Pettett Funeral Home and burial will be at Worthen Cemetery with military services conducted by the American Legion Post # 127, V.F.W. Post # 7190 and 2605, and the Jackson County D.A.V. Chapter # 69. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Gilbert was born on March 10, 1917, in Grand Tower, to Peter Harvey Hand and Alma (Hudson) Hand.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Mr. Hand was a member of the Gorham Methodist Church, the V.F.W. Post # 7190, and the Jackson County Farm Bureau.

Gilbert was a retired farmer and he had also retired from the receiving department at the former Lustour Corp. in Murphysboro.

He married Opal Reames on September 8, 1942, in Jackson, Missouri, and she survives.

Other survivors include two children Carolyn Ellet and her husband Paul Ellet and James L. Hand and his girl friend Paula Vogel, all of Murphysboro; four grandchildren Harley James Hand of Murphysboro, Sherrie Rawson and her husband Dale Rawson of Carbondale, Michelle Prater and her husband Dennis Prater of Pekin, IL, and Stephanie Rawson of E. Peoria, IL;

eight great grandchildren Paula Emmons, Timothy Eades, and Jay Ridings all of E. Peoria, IL, Ashley Rawson and Patrick Durst both of Pekin, IL, and Corey Ruble, Jesse Ruble and Noah Ruble, all of Carbondale; one brother and sister in law Pete and Betty Hand of Murphysboro; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert Lawrence Hand*

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