



## Merrill M. Ripley, Sr.

April 19, 1937 - June 27, 2017

Merrill M. Ripley, Sr., age 80, of Murphysboro, passed away at 12:30 .m. Tuesday, June 2017, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

Merrill was born on April 19, 1937, in Murphysboro, to Ray Ripley and Bertie (Stearns) Ripley Morgan.

He was the owner of Ripley's Auto in Murphysboro.

Mr. Ripley was a member and deacon at Sato Baptist Church at Sato, Illinois.

He was also a member of the A.A.R.P.

Merrill married Betty Neace on June 13, 1950, in DeSoto, and she survives.

Other survivors include two children Daniel Ripley of Fort Walton Beach, FL, and Susie Stein and her husband Tom Stein of Oraville;

five grandchildren Logan Chronister and his wife Erin Chronister, Amanda Riegger, Allan Ripley and his wife April Ripley, Rickey Ripley, and Naurene Rendleman;

four great grandchildren;

and one sister Phyllis Neace and her husband Hobert Neace of Murphysboro.

He was preceded in death by one son JR Ripley, one brother Kenneth Ripley, one sister Vivian Marks, and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2017, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Don Caraway and Rev. Brad Geary officiating with burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

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“ *Merrill M. Ripley, Sr.*

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