



Orville L. "Shorty" Thompson

September 1, 2017 - August 17, 2006

Orville Leslie 'Shorty' Thompson, 88, of Mattoon, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Thursday, August 17, 2006 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services honoring his life will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home with Pastor Don Roberts officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens with military rites by VFW Post 4325. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. to service time Sunday.

Orville was born September 1, 1917 at Taylorville, Illinois, a son of Raymond and Edith Newcome Thompson. He married Marjorie Jean Jenkins September 8, 1951 at Mattoon, she survives. Also surviving is a son, Rodney Thompson and wife Ruth Ann of Lajuanta, Colorado; a daughter-in-law, Katrina Thompson of Mattoon; brothers, Robert Thompson and wife Betty of Paxton, Raymond Thompson and wife Sharon of Loda, and Larry Thompson of Kentucky. He also leaves grandchildren, Kyla Thompson of Mattoon, Jennifer Harrington of Kansas, Illinois and Nicholas Thompson of Clarksville, Tennessee; two great-grandchildren, four step-grandsons and four step-great-granddaughters. A son, David Thompson and a sister, Geraldine Shoemaker preceded him in death.

Mr. Thompson was a retired CIPS employee. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. A member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion, he also drove a bus for Mattoon Community School District 2 and the Senior Citizens van. Orville enjoyed golfing and dancing in his leisure time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ Orville L. *"Shorty" Thompson*

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