



Clayton D. Stilwell

January 12, 1918 - December 30, 2014

Clayton D. Stilwell, 96, of Bradley, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 30, 2014) at his home.

He was born Jan. 12, 1918, in Simeon, Neb., the son of Ernest Rivers and Bertha Martin Stilwell. Clayton married Melba Richmond in 1945 at Bradley United Brethren Church. She passed away on Oct. 23, 2003.

He was a mechanic for Koerner Airport and was in maintenance at Mortell's and Illinois Bell. He was involved with the Red Cross and the Kankakee Camera Club, Meals on Wheels for Riverside Medical Center, 68th Fighter Squadron, Illinois Bell Pioneers, the local Vintage Squadron and Lifetime Independent of Odd Fellows. He also was an inventor and loved working in his shop.

Surviving are one daughter, Linda Stilwell, of Missouri; grandchildren, Douglas Smith and fiancée Cheri Quisido, of Bradley, Karey Smith, of Missouri, and Daniel (Jaime) Smith, of Waterloo; great-grandchildren, Saddie and Oliver Kaiser-Smith, of Waterloo; and special friend, Eunice Kroll, of Kankakee.

Preceding him in death were his wife; parents; three brothers; and 11 sisters.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional time of visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. Saturday until the 10 a.m. funeral services at Bradley Evangelical United Methodist Church in Bradley. The Rev. Jim Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Deselm Cemetery, Manteno. Memorials may be made to Kankakee Valley Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley (www.hkvcares.com).

Cemetery Details

Deselm Cemetery

5000 West Road
Manteno, IL 60950

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bradley Evangelical United Methodist Church
600 West Broadway Street
Bradley, IL 60915

Tribute Wall

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“ Clayton Stilwell was my father-in-law's best friend. Wesley J. Osenga and Clayton would go to garage sales and Vintage Squadron breakfast together. Both great Air Force men served together in on church boards and trustees. They had a friendship that was strong through the ages. Now, they will walk the streets of heaven together. We will miss you, Clayton. Denny, Patti, and Erik Osenga Lodi, California

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your/ our veteran. May he rest now, and remain in the minds of all of us, for that he so proudly served our country to give us the freedom's we enjoy today....

Lee young ILPGR RC R8

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