



Louis Blackorby

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Louis A. Blackorby, 89, died at 4:40 a.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the Jerseyville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.



He was born in Hamburg on Sept. 12, 1921, the son of the late Herman H. and Grace Edith (Cardwell) Blackorby.

A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he participated in the Normandy Beach Invasion. A mechanic by trade, he had previously worked at Carter Brothers in Alton, was self employed for a time at Blackorby Garage in Dow. He retired in 1983 as a mechanic with the State of Illinois Department of Transportation in Jerseyville.

A member of the Dow Southern Baptist Church, he was also instrumental in the formation of the Dow Fire District and had formerly served as their captain, and was a member of the Fieldon Masonic Lodge #592 as well.

He married the former Virginia Hope Hoyt on April 23, 1941 in St. Charles, Mo. and together they have shared and enjoyed 69 years of marriage.

Surviving are his wife; four sons & daughters in law, Louis A. & Pam Blackorby of Franklin, Robert & Mary Blackorby of Knoxville, Tn., Dennis & Mick Blackorby and Brian & Jennifer Blackorby all of Jerseyville; four daughters & sons in law, Betty & Leroy Wilderman of Brighton, Mary & Duane Dittrick of Phoenix, Az., Nancy & Mike Zipprich of Elsah, Cathy & Matt Williams of Alton; 27 Grandchildren; 35 Great Grandchildren; three sisters, Bernadine Mitchell of Alton, Della Shortal of Jefferson City, Mo., and Marilyn Scott of Jerseyville; three sisters in law, Marie Blackorby, Luella Blackorby and Connie Blackorby all Jerseyville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter in law, Deborah Blackorby; and four brothers, Cleo, Harold, Herman & Sloke Blackorby.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where Masonic Services will be conducted at 4 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Dow Southern Baptist Church with Rev. David Brown officiating.

Burial will take place at the Indian Creek Cemetery in Hamburg, with the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 conducting military rites.

Memorials may be given to the Dow Southern Baptist Church, Indian Creek Cemetery, or to the Activity Department at Jerseyville Nursing & Rehabilitation.