



A. Miles

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A. Des Miles, 84, passed away at 5:55 pm Thursday, August 11, 2011 at Alhambra Care Center.

He was born on November 6, 1926 in South Roxana, the son of Lonzo Bill and Retah (McRaven) Miles.

He married Dorothy “Tooter” Raymer on October 8, 1949 at the Community Baptist Church in Cottage Hills. She survives.

Des served his country in Air Force during World War II and the Korean War. He was a self employed contractor for 50 years until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bethalto and the Alton VFW Post 1308.



In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Sheilia Miles, Joan and Joe Martin and Karen Downs all of Bethalto; five grandchildren, Ben Martin and his fiancée, Joann Scire, Lucas Downs, Whitney and Clay Cummins, Bri Martin and Mallory Downs; a sister, Beverly Guinn of Terra Haute, IN and his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son-in-law, John Downs and two sisters, Barbara Harper and Dolores Mahanay.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 pm on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto.

Funeral services will be at 10 am on Monday, August 15, 2011 at the funeral home with Pastor Chip Faulkner officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto with military rites given by Alton VFW Post 1308.

Memorials may be made to the Alhambra Care Center.

Online Condolences and guest book may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com