

James D. Clayton

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James D. Clayton, 81, passed away at 5:15am on Friday, April 12, 2013 at St. Clair's Health Center in Alton with his family by his side.

He was born June 8, 1931 in Rushville, IL, the son of Arthur and Iva Mary (Icenogle) Clayton.

He married Mary Jane Dille on March 28, 1955 in Greenville, MS. She survives.

James served his country in the U.S. Marines. He worked in maintenance at St Anthony's Health Center in Alton for 17 years, retiring in 1993. Prior to working at the hospital, he worked for Jewel T Home Shopping. He attended the First Christian Church in Bethalto. He was a member of the Bunker Hill American Legion and the Bethalto American Legion. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, mushroom hunting, and loved deer hunting on his property with his boys. He loved to watch college basketball and never missed March Madness. He also was an avid Cardinals fan.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Michael Epps of Bethalto, IL; four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Carol Clayton of Grafton, William and Sandy Clayton of Affton, MO, Danny Joe and Beverly Clayton of Bethalto and Thomas and Pat Clayton of Azel, TX; eight grandchildren, Roshan Bassett, Theresa Bounds, Danielle Clayton, Willie Clayton, Elizabeth Clayton, Allison Clayton, Josh Cassidy, Hannah Epps and Kylie Epps; four great grandchildren, Kaleb, Emma, Tristan and Megan; two sisters, Eva Bissell of Montana and Betty and James Kilmer of Bethalto and his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a great grandson, James Bounds, a sister, Lois Blurton and three brothers, George, Lloyd and Delbert.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm on Monday, April 15, 2013 at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto. Funeral services will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the funeral home with Pastor John Blackmore officiating.

Burial will follow at Scenic Hills Cemetery in Grafton with military rites given by the Grafton American Legion Post 648.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Online condolences and guestbook may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com