



Robert Burton

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Robert A. Burton, of Fosterburg, IL, died at 4:05 a.m. Fri. July 19, 2013 at VIP Manor in Wood River, IL.

He was born Jan. 19, 1920 in Diehlstadt, MO to the late Harry Lee & Mary Laura (Hightower) Burton.

On Sept. 22, 1997, he and Melba M. (Day) Irvin were married in Bunker Hill, IL. She survives in Fosterburg.

Robert was a WWII U.S. Army veteran serving from 1941 to 1945 in the 7th Cavalry in the Pacific Theater. He was a farmer and worked at Shell Oil Refinery as a welder and pipefitter retiring in 1982 after 28 years of service. He was an all-around great and caring man and good neighbor.



In addition to his wife, he is survived by: a son, Ronnie Burton of Granite City, IL, step-sons, Gilbert K. Young of Fosterburg and Harold L. Irvin Jr. of Bunker Hill, step-daughters, Valeria E. Hudson of Creal Springs, IL and Jean Beckwith of Bethalto, IL, 3 grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, 17 step-great-grandchildren and a special niece and nephew, Charlotte & Harold Starr.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: a son, Rodney A. Burton, brothers, Edward Lee Burton, Ralph Leslie Burton and Lawrence Lindell Burton and sisters, Bessie Nitt and Catholine Ray.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sun. July 21, 2013 at Paynic Home for Funerals, where services will be at 1:00 p.m. Mon. July 22, 2013 with Rev. Kimberly Allen officiating. Burial will follow at Wood burn Cemetery with military honors by VFW Post 1308 Ritual Team.

Online information and guestbook may be found at www.paynicfh.com