



Robert Sr

Jerseyville | Wednesday, July 31 2013

Robert Charles Merkle Sr. of Jerseyville, 81, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at Jersey Manor in Jerseyville. He was born Oct. 17, 1931, in Alton.

Mr. Merkle retired as a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local 520, and a U.S. Army veteran.

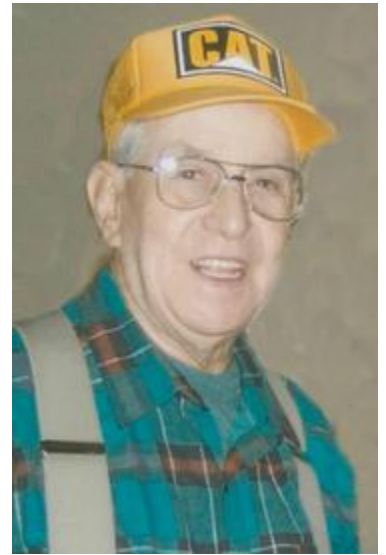
He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Merkle, stepson, Richard “Rick” Perez, and a brother, Lloyd Merkle.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Merkle, nee Yancey, children Robert (Cindy) Merkle, Jr. of Jerseyville, Jeff Merkle of Carrollton, Lisa (Kendall) Bridgewater of Coronado, Calif., Christine Smith of Alton, Denise (Bill) Loveland of Murrayville and Annette (Al) Scott of Carrollton. Also surviving are stepchildren James (Rhonda) Perez and Terry Ann Workman.

Other survivors are grandchildren, Heather Merkle, Ktrena Shinn, Michelle (Dennis) LaMarsh, Casey (Tim) Nelson, Brittany and Taylor Loveland, Robert Merkle III and Tyler Merkle, Derek Smith, and Shelby and Paige Bridgewater. Also surviving are great-grandchildren, Trey Snyder, Zariah and Amira Walker, Mackenzie and Adalynn LaMarsh, and Kylie, Libby and Clay Merkle.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to the Jerseyville American Legion or to the Jerseyville Food Pantry.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville. Funeral services will follow immediately at Crawford Funeral Home, with William Loveland officiating.



Burial will take place at Upper Alton Cemetery in Alton, with graveside military honors.