



James Robert "Bob" Batson, Sr.

May 8, 1935 - January 31, 2016

James Robert "Bob" Batson, Sr., age 80 of Pinckneyville, Illinois passed away Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Community Living Center on the campus of the Marion Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion, Illinois. James was born May 8, 1935 in Mound City, Illinois, son of Abner Alexander Batson and Mary Elizabeth (Huckelberry) Batson. He is survived by three children, John Batson and wife Cassie of Bardstown, Kentucky, Jeannine Finney of Pinckneyville, and James Batson, Jr. and wife Chrissy of Steeleville; six grandchildren, Daniel, Samuel and Adam of Pinckneyville and Cassidy, James III, and Anna Beth of Steeleville; one great-grandson Kaiden, one sister, Marilyn Jo Roberts of Pinckneyville; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter, one grandson, one brother Charles "Dave" Batson, and one sister Phyllis Gray. James was of the Christian faith. He was a Veteran of the Korean War, and spent many years as a self-employed handyman. He enjoyed bowling in his younger years, fishing, playing cards, and visiting with his family. Funeral Services for James Robert Batson, Sr. will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia, Illinois with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia, Illinois. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the American Legion Post 446 and the VFW Post 2055. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Community Living Center at the Marion Veterans Affairs Medical Center and

will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



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“ *May you R.I.P uncle Bob!*

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“ *My prayers are with the entire family at this time of need.*

Tina Ferguson - February 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM