



Robert L. "Bob" Jackson

July 9, 1937 - December 31, 2013

Robert L. "Bob" Jackson, 76 of Irvington, passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Bob was born July 9, 1937 in Central City, son of L.W. Jackson and Mabel (Mosby) Jackson. He married Karen Reed on September 22, 1961 in Centralia and she survives in Irvington. In addition to his wife of 52 years, he is survived by two sons: Todd Jackson and Stevie Jackson and special friend Jeannine both of Centralia; a daughter, Kristi Minnix and husband Charles of Fort Wayne, Indiana; five grandchildren: Kelsey, Bo, Justi, Tyler and Lucas; several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents. Bob worked as a machinist for the Illinois Central and he also worked as a diesel local motive mechanic for National Railway Equipment Company, where he later retired. He was an avid Nascar fan and a St. Louis Cardinal's Fan. He enjoyed reading Stephen King books. Most of all he loved spending time with his family. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, January 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Stephen Nail officiating. Visitation will be held Friday evening from 6:00 P.M. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association and will be accepted at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com