



Willis "Smitty" Hamilton

October 20, 1926 - October 5, 2014

Willis S. "Smitty" Hamilton, 87 of Champaign formerly of Centralia, passed away Sunday, October 5, 2014 in Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign. He was born in Broadlands, Illinois on October 20, 1926, the son of Ogle and Esther (Maxwell) Hamilton. He married Evelyne Fuss on September 25, 1953 in Salem and she preceded him in death on April 8, 2014. He is survived by a son, Art Hamilton of Mahomet, Illinois; a daughter, Marion McNamara and husband Dan of Barrington, Illinois; three grandchildren: Alison Kaminski and husband Steve of Alsip, Illinois, Bradley Hamilton and Jacob Hamilton both of Mahomet, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Mr. Hamilton enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 4, 1944 and served in the Philippines, Korea and Germany until June of 1953. He retired from the Illinois Central Railroad as a conductor and lived in Centralia since 1965. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Centralia and V.F.W. Post 2055. As his request he will be cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Dr. Ed Evans officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Military Honors will be accorded at the funeral home by the American Legion Post 446 and V.F.W. Post 2055. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the House of Hope and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

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“ You have our sympathy. We are in New Mexico our thoughts and prayers are with you. Darrel and Millie Griffith

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