



Dale Watson "Bud" Treasure

July 15, 1922 - June 2, 2011

Age 88, a lifelong resident of Gardner, IL, passed away Thursday, June 2, 2011 at his home surrounded by his loving family following a short battle with cancer. He was born July 15, 1922 in Gardner, IL to the late Charles A. and Viola (Watson) Treasure. Bud was a former owner of Treasure Grain Co. in Gardner along with his father Charlie for 35 years and was formerly employed at the Morrison Construction Company for 14 years. He was a member of Laborers Local #75, the Church of Hope in Gardner, the NRA, and the Knifemakers' Guild. He was WW II Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having fought in the battles of Iwo Jima, Saipan, Mt. Saribachi, Tarawa, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Tinian, Attu, Kiska, Guam, Okinawa and Tokyo. Bud enjoyed knife making as a hobby and was a master knifemaker for more than 40 years. He enjoyed playing his harmonica and attending his WWII Marine reunions. He liked to feed wild birds and could identify any species that came to his feeders and always enjoyed attending the sporting events of his grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his first wife, Julia A. (Grobarcik) Treasure in 1990; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Karl Lutz and Lilla and Hiram Brownell; and one brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Mabel Treasure. Surviving were his wife, Dorothy (Reibert) Treasure, whom he married April 15, 1992 in Alexandria, IN; three children, William (Linda) Treasure of Troy, OH, Susan (John) Schultz of South Wilmington, IL and Linda (Ronald) Offerman of Channahon, IL; eight grandchildren, Audrey, Michelle, John, and Candace Treasure, Treasure and Lindsay Schultz, Corey

Ellis, and Stefanie Offerman; one great grandchild, Caitlin Ellis; two step children, Jack Reibert of Phoenix, AZ and Cheryl (Howard) Ficht of Island Lake, IL; a step granddaughter, and two step great grandchildren. Funeral services were at the Church of Hope in Gardner Friday, June 10, at 12:00 noon with visitation two hours preceding services. Rev. Jan Chandler officiated. The organist was Sharon Leve. Interment with military honors followed at the Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, IL.

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL