



Thomas F. Sumner

July 4, 1922 - December 16, 2009

Age 87, of Flippin, AR, formerly of Essex, IL, passed away December 16, 2009 in Mountain Home, AR. Born July 4, 1922 in Milks Grove Twp., IL to the late Charles and Genevieve (nee Robinson) Sumner. Graduate of Reddick High School, Class of 1940. Thomas worked various jobs including the Joliet Arsenal during WWII, followed by 37 years of service for the State of Illinois, retiring in 1979. He married Margaret Violette Hoffman June 22, 1946 at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church in Essex. They celebrated 63 years of marriage in June. Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Charles Sumner; and infant sister, Lorida. Surviving were his wife, Violette; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Susan (Pichik) Sumner of Essex; two grandchildren, Stephanie Sumner and Brent Sumner of Essex; and one sister, Genevieve Bryant of Essex. Cremation rites were accorded. A memorial visitation was at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 3-6 p.m.