

James A. Randolph 82, Ripley

RIPLEY – James Alva Randolph, 82, of Ripley departed this life Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 12, 1926, at Kingston, Fayette County, son of the late Albert and Roxie Randolph. He worked at True Temper in Charleston prior to enlisting in the navy during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater as Gunner's Mate II Class aboard LSM 273. Following the war, he worked 16 years in the gas fields and also worked for the FMC Corporation. He retired from Kaiser Aluminum in 1988 with 20 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and attended Salt Hill Church. He loved farming, gardening, fishing and most of all, his family.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Virginia Balsler Randolph; daughters Reva Good (Jerry) of Fayetteville and Sharon Ratliff (Bobby) of Ripley; son Mike Randolph (Nancy) of Given; sister Lucy Randolph of Ripley; brother Junior Lee Randolph of Ripley; grandchildren Russel Randolph, Dee Dee Kennedy, Michael Randolph, Austin Randolph, Brian Good, Stephen Good, Stephanie Good, Robby Ratliff, Ronnie Ratliff and Chad Ratliff. He is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by daughter Brenda, son Eugene, sisters Virginia Casto, Francis Ashley, Belva Jean Reed, Joyce Lockwood, and brother Christopher Randolph.

Funeral Service will be Friday, August 8, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at the Vail Funeral Home, Ripley, with Reverend Creel Kerns officiating. Burial will be in the Fairplain Cemetery, Fairplain. Visitation will be Thursday, August 7, 2008, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. at the funeral home. Military rites will be given by American Legion Post #107.