



Frederick K. Morris 75, Ripley

RIPLEY — Frederick Keith Morris, 75, of Ripley, went home to be with the Lord early Thursday, August 16, 2007, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 7, 1932, at Statts Mill, a son of the late Foster F. and Delpha G. Rhodes Morris. He was a 1950 graduate of Ripley High School, after which he worked in the sheriff's office under the supervision of his father. He enlisted in the Army in 1952 and served in the far east. After his discharge in May of 1957, he began work at Kaiser Aluminum serving Kaiser in many positions, including management, for 28 years prior to his retirement at the age of 53.

Fred didn't take the freedoms and privileges of America for granted. He served for a time as chairman of the Republican Executive Committee. He was a member of the Ripley Masonic Lodge #16 and was a 32nd Degree Masonic Shriner. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 107 and a member of the VFW Post 3488. He was a member of the Siniaville United Methodist Church at Statts Mill where he previously taught the adult Sunday School Class, acted as a trustee and maintained the cemetery mapping, plotting and sales record. For a time, he and his siblings ran the Wildwood store and campground at Statts Mill, which they built.

Fred was the loving encourager, always supportive of his family and friends. To children, he was the "Ear Wiggler" and teaser. To his church, he was a mainstay, attending faithfully and serving any way he could. To his

caregivers, he was the patient who never complained. For years, he was "Mr. Fixit" to whom people turned for emergency help or repairs. He loved to read and study the Bible, to deer hunt and make his famous peanut butter fudge, to eat homemade ice cream, to sit on his deck and watch the boats on O'Brien Lake and to cheer on the Washington Redskins. Though he made an effort to appear staunch and firm, those who knew him best saw and appreciated the sensitive, compassionate, kind and emotional man he truly was.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 50 years Elsa Cobb Morris; daughter Debra Morris Wedge and husband Steve of Evans; grandson Joshua Wedge and wife Amanda of Charleston; granddaughters Jessica Wedge and Jillian Wedge at home; brothers Bernard "Bud" Morris and wife Ellen and Thomas Morris and wife JoAnn all of Statts Mill; sister Patricia Morris Manery and husband Charles "Chuck" of Leonard, MI and numerous nieces and nephews, all who have special memories of their time with Uncle Fred.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Lorene Morris Skeen and Lougean Morris Chancey.

Services were held Sunday, August 19, 2007, at Siniaville United Methodist Church, Statts Mill, with Pastors Mike Elder and Mark Leonard officiating. Burial with Military Rites was performed by the Jackson County Veterans Groups.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Siniaville Cemetery Fund. Vail Funeral Home, Ripley, was in charge of the arrangements.