

aries

Dale W. Blankenship

Dale W. Blankenship, age 77, formerly of Dayton and Minster, of Englewood, passed away Saturday afternoon Dec. 6, 2008. Born April 4, 1931 in Springfield, OH to the late Lonnie and Myrtle (Nichols) Blankenship. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death on July 8, 2001 by beloved wife Lucille (Parks) Blankenship whom he married Nov. 11, 1955.

Survivors include his three daughters Sharon (Dick) Heyduck, Cindy Antrican and Toni Wright; four grandchildren Shonda Wright and Gary Ray Bell and Jordon and DJ Antrican; two great grandchildren Morgan and Issac (Shonda). Dale also leaves two brothers their wives James Ester Blankenship, Greenville and Mike and Peggy Blankenship, Texas; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law Joyce Countiss, Peggy Burke, and Sandra and Pastor Gary Wood; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Dale was an avid fisherman and loved camping with his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. He was a photoengraver and retired from the Dayton Daily News. Upon retiring, he and Lucille moved to Minster across the street from Fort Loramie Lake, where he couldn't wait to fish on a daily basis. In 2000, Dale gave up fishing as he had by-pass surgery and lost his fishing partner, brother-in-law Jim. Upon his recovery, he took up playing Euchre and Texas Holdem. He played cards daily, and when possible, twice a day. Dale always looked forward to the annual Thanksgiving get-together. Soon after dinner, he would get a whole table of card players together. He loved being the oldest and wisest card player and enjoyed beating the pants off the younger generation. He especially loved playing poker with grandsons Jordon and DJ; and they loved their poker parties with "Poppy".

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008 at the Robert L. Crooks Funeral Center at Preble Memory Gardens in West Alexandria. Brother-in-law, Pastor Gary Wood presided. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan Health Foundation - 2222 Philadelphia Dr. - Dayton, OH - 45406 Interment Preble Memory Gardens Cemetery, West Alexandria.