

C. Floyd Sims

October 12, 1924 ~ October 5, 2013 (age 88)



C. FLOYD SIMS Hoopeston " C. Floyd (Cotton) Sims, 88, of Hoopeston died at 2:55 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at the Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Care Center. Floyd was born on October 12, 1924, at Hoopeston, Illinois, the son of Luther Basil and Lucy Vera (Polson) Sims. He married Margaret Anne Neathery on February 9, 1947. She preceded him in death on December 16, 2007. He is survived by two daughters, Debbie (Bob) Alkire of Hoopeston; Soni (Darrell) Holmes of Covington, Indiana; and one son, Scott (Denise) Sims, Wellington, Illinois, six grandchildren: Andy Alkire, Jennifer (Bob) Fish, Bethany Walker, Lucus Sims, Seth Sims, Emily Sims Davis, nine great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; one sister Marie (Bill) Harrington, Bloomington, Indiana, sister-in-law, Margaret (Roy) Sims and his fiancée, Frannie Moore of Hoopeston, several nieces and nephews and his canine pals, Jack and Jill. He was preceded in death by both parents, a granddaughter Stephanie Alkire, one brother Roy (Whitey) Sims, a sister, Lavonne Leonard. Floyd was a member of the First Christian Church, Hoopeston where he served as chairman of the board and various other capacities. Floyd served in the Marine Corps in World War II spending most of his time in the Philippines on the island of Leyte. When Floyd returned from the service, he farmed in the East Lynn area and was a chief at the Rankin Fire Department. He later moved to Hoopeston and worked for Shur Gain Feeds in Danville and Kent Feeds, a division of Canada Packers, retiring after 29 years. Floyd went to work for Stokely Van Camp retiring after several years of service. Floyd was a life member and Past Master of Star Lodge No 709 AF&AM of Hoopeston. He was also a proud 50 year member of the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Danville. Floyd loved to travel and was privileged to be on the first Honor Flight out of Champaign. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, boating and spending time with his family. Floyd had a wonderful sense of humor and never met a stranger. Funeral services for Mr. Sims will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at the First Christian Church, 502 East Main Street, Hoopeston, Illinois, with Pastor Rick Branaman officiating. Burial will be in the Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites conducted by the American Legion and V.F.W. Color Guard. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, with Masonic Rites at 8:00 p.m. by Star Lodge No. 709. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church in Hoopeston or Star Lodge No. 709. The family has entrusted the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home to assist them in honoring Floyd's life.