



Fred "Freddie" Nelson

December 1, 1934 - January 28, 2011

Fred Walter "Freddie" Nelson Jr., 76, of Hoopeston, died at 2:35 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at his home.

He was born Dec. 1, 1934, in Hoopeston, the son of Fred Walter Nelson and Geneva (Moffett) Nelson.

He married Georgia (Byerly) Nelson on Oct. 27, 1961, in Hoopeston. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are: daughter, Kimberly L. (Richard) Nelson-Galloway of Charleston; son, Michael T. (Lisa) Nelson of Sellersburg, Ind.; son-in-law, Kenny Samet of Hoopeston; sisters, June (Vern) Gholson, Edith Baldwin and Joan Leslie, all of Hoopeston; sister-in-laws, Bonnie Caldwell of Hoopeston and Linda Wolford of Florida; and brothers, Joe (Peggy) Nelson of Watseka and Chris (Nancy) Nelson of Oswego.

Fred also is survived by nine grandchildren: J.T. (Whitney) Taflinger; Jacy Samet; Nathan, Marcus and Nicholas Galloway; Heather and Michaela Nelson; and Davy and Amber Martinez; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Cassie Samet; and one great-granddaughter, Rylan Marie Taflinger.

Mr. Nelson worked at Hoopeston American National Can as a tool and die maker for more than 40 years. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. Freddie enjoyed bowling, golf and especially baseball. He was an avid sports statistic enthusiast. Fred knew everything you wanted to know about professional baseball or what you didn't want to know about it.

Visitation: 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston. Services: 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at the funeral home. Officiating: Pastor Adam Taubert. Burial: Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials: Hoopeston Area

Healthcare Foundation, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopston, IL 60942.