



James E. Hastings

November 27, 1921 - February 12, 2003

James E. Hastings, 81, of 422 Whipporwill Road died Wednesday, February 12, 2003 in Montgomery, AL. He is the son of the late Alvie Leroy and Vera Lee McKinney Hastings. The funeral service will be held Saturday, February 15, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at Beattie Road Church of Christ. The interment service will be held Sunday, February 16, 2003 at Hillcrest Cemetery in Shelbyville, TN. Ministers Bill Rowden, Jerry Whitmyre and Brother Edd Boguss will officiate. Gowen-Smith Chapel will be in charge of arrangements in Shelbyville. A native of Shelbyville, TN, Mr. Hastings moved to Albany 34 years ago from Covington while working with The McGregor Corporation and was the plant manager from 1968 to 1972. He worked with the Woodmen of the World where he served on the Board of Trustees of the Safer Group and was also an insurance agent. He is a former President of the Woodmen of the World in the Albany area. He was a member of the Beattie Road Church of Christ. Mr. Hastings served in the United States Army and served during WWII. He served with the 35th Infantry Division in France, where he received the Purple Heart, Belgium and Luxembourg. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Hastings of Albany, a daughter, Rita Laukka and her husband, Rick, of Big Canoe, GA, a son, James Larry Hastings and his wife, Jean, of Montgomery, AL, a sister, Christine Lawder of Shelbyville, TN, a brother, Thomas Hastings of Tullahoma, TN, four grandchildren, Chip Laukka, Beth Laukka, Stephanie Hastings and Eric Hastings, and a niece, Linda Sudberry of Unionville, TN. The family will receive friends Friday, February 14, 2003 from 6:00 - 8:00

p.m. at Kimbrell-Stern.