



Willis Gale Hillyer

November 27, 1911 - November 2, 2003

Willie Gale Hillyer, 91, of Shelbyville, TN passed away November 2, 2003 at Middle Tennessee Veterans Hospital. He is a native of Brooklyn, IL and was a farmer, a potter for Haeger Pottery and worked at St. Paul's Catholic School in IL. He was a WWII veteran of the U. S. Army and Illinois National Guard. He received the following ribbons: Victory Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Service Stripe Good Conduct Medal. He was a driver and mechanic for the Army. He attended Shelbyville 1st Church of the Nazarene and was the custodian there as well. He is the son of the late Ben H. and Gertrude Fowler Hillyer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Hillyer. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Delbert Hillyer and sisters, Maber Peterson, Dothea Schifler, Goathen McDonald, Athaleen Hillyer. He is survived by several nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; caregivers, J. C. and Joyce Elliot. Visitation will be Monday, November 3, 2003 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Gowen-Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Ron Dewitt officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.