



Norris E. Merriman

August 10, 1927 - May 21, 2010

Norris E. Merriman, 82, of Jacksonville and formerly of Bluffs died Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Jacksonville Convalescent Center. He was born Aug. 10, 1927 in Oxville, the son of Oscar J. and Cecile Priest Merriman. He married Charlene Pierret Dec. 10, 1950 in Roodhouse. She survives in Jacksonville. Also surviving are two children, Sue (Joe) Zorn of Hong Kong, China and Steven (Sharon) Merriman of Chatham; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Lindsey Merriman, and Laura and Alex Zorn; and one great-grandchild, Jonathan Zorn. One brother, Burl Merriman and one sister, Eileen Morris, preceded in death.

Norris graduated from Bluffs High School in 1945. He farmed in the Oxville-Bluffs area from 1947 until 2003. He served in the Merchant Marines. He was a member of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church near Jacksonville, the Scott County Health Improvement Association, Scott County Farm Bureau, Scott County Fair Board, the Orr Research Board and Masonic Lodge of Perry, Harmony #3 Masonic Lodge of Jacksonville, and Bluffs American Legion. Norris served as a Republican Precinct Committeeman. Graveside services will be held 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Hillcrest Cemetery near Bluffs. A celebration of life ceremony will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church near Jacksonville. Visitation will be held Tuesday after 2:00 p.m. with family meeting friends from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Mackey Daws Funeral Home in Winchester. A Masonic service will be conducted at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday following the visitation by Harmony Lodge of

Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers please give memorials to Wesley Chapel Roof Fund or the Jacksonville Salvation Army Building Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Norris E. Merriman*

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“ *I am very sorry to hear this news. I guess my memories are that he was just always there in Oxville. He would stop and have a soda at Grandma's and have a bit of news. If I remember correctly he was always Santa at the church Christmas programs. Norris always had the great voice at church too!*

Charlene, SueEllen and Steven and families, please take care of yourselves at this time too.

Stacey Wren - May 25, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ *Norris was a good friend to so many of us.. His work in helping establish the Orr Farm has brought millions of extra deollars to farmers in this Western Illinois area. He knew how to also enjoy life and I'll always remember the many good times at the dance club with him and Charlene. He will be greatly missed, but we'll join him someday..Harry Wright and Helen*

Harry Wright - May 24, 2010 at 10:29 PM