



Donald Oakes

December 27, 1942 - August 6, 2009

Donald S. Oakes, 66, of 641 Parker Road, departed this world to meet Jesus and his heavenly family on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at Lynchburg General after a decline in health for the past three weeks. Mr. Oakes was born on December 27, 1942 in Danville, VA, a son of the late Joseph Oakes and the late Hessie Short Oakes. He had lived his entire life in Danville and had retired, after 33 years, from Merita Bread Company where he had worked as a salesman. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1965, and he was a member of Round Pond Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Josephine Oakes Whitlow. He leaves behind his wife, Sarah Bolling Oakes, of 27 years of marriage and a daughter, Brittany Alice Oakes, both of the residence. He also leaves behind two daughters, Kelley Wood and Renee Hutchens, both of Ridgeway, VA, four grandchildren, and a loyal and devoted friend, Laura McCoy of Ringgold, VA. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. from the Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover Chapel with the Reverend Allen Blanks and the Reverend Jonathan Hilliard officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park with military honors by the American Legion Dan River Post 1097. The family will receive friends on Friday from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. at the funeral home and at other times they will be at the residence. The family suggests that memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 3907, Martinsville, VA 24115. Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover Chapel is serving the Oakes family.