



Harvey Bray

July 15, 1921 - August 12, 2009

Harvey Edward Bray, 88, formerly of Sandy River Road, Axton, VA died Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the Blue Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Martinsville. He had been in declining health for four years and a resident of Blue Ridge Rehab for for the past three years. Mr. Bray was born in Axton, VA on July 15, 1921, a son of the late James Robert Bray and the late Virgie Wilson Bray. He had lived in the Axton community and had retired from Pannil Knitting in 1984 as a Stock Coordinator. He was of the baptist faith and he loved bluegrass music. When Mr. Bray was sixteen years old his father died, leaving him with the responsibility of caring for his mother and younger siblings. On May 8, 1944 he married Eva Bell Barbour Bray, she died on October 13, 2007. In addition to his wife and his parents, he was predeceased by three sisters, Winnie Ashworth, Mabel Simmons, and Geraldine Riddle. He is survived by a son, James Robert Bray, and his wife Frances, of Axton, VA; two daughters, Dottie B. Blair, and her husband Eugene, of Whitmell, VA, and Brenda B. Adams, and her husband Winford, of Bassett, VA; a sister, Betty Mulkey, and a brother, Ben "Butler" Bray, both of of Axton, VA; four grandchildren, James Robert Bray, Jr., Bonnie Blair Pritchett, Brian K. Blair, and Dwayne W. Adams; five great-grandchildren and one step great grandchild. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. from the Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover Chapel with Pastor Ronald Peal officiating. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Saturday, at the funeral home, one hour prior to the service.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Axton Fire Department, in Axton, VA or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168th Street, New York, NY, 10032-9982. Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover Chapel is serving the Bray family.