



Chester Rankin

March 7, 2010

Chester Rankin, age 86, of Hot Springs passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010 at home. He was a beloved widower of three wives; Betty Jo Rankin, June Rankin and Katie Rankin. He was predeceased by his parents; Harry B. & Ida Cleo Nelson Rankin; his brothers, Glen, Bill & Morris Rankin; his niece and great nephew, Becky & Shane Wood.

Chester was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Chester was past vice president of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce; past president of South Hot Springs Lions Club; past chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; past secretary of the Hot Springs Planning Commission and past president of South Hot Springs Merchants Association. He was the manager of Otasco for 37 years.

He was survived by his daughter, Cathy Rankin; his sister, Jean Rankin Griffith; his brother, Leo "Sonny" Rankin; nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Visitation will be 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at Hot Springs Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Hot Springs

Funeral Home with Dr. William O. (Bud) Reeves officiating.

Pallbearers are Jimmy Burris, Jim Hodge, Paul McLeod Jr., Ted Nobles, Randall Robles and Gene Beckwith.

Chester loved children and always gave to children that were in need at Christmas.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hillcrest Children's Home or at Christmas please give to a child in need.