



Hershel Crone

April 28, 2010

Hershel L. Crone, 87, of Hot Springs, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at home.

Born October 19, 1922, in Bismarck, Arkansas, to L. Franklin and Flora Crone, he was retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., with 35 years of service and of that, 10 years as a supervisor. He was fondly known as "Chief" to those with whom he worked. He was awarded the Theodore Nathan Hale Award for Noteworthy Public Service in rescuing a child in the face of grave personal danger while working for Southwestern Bell. He served his country in the Fourth Marine Division as a corporal during World War II in the South Pacific and was wounded during the invasion of Iwo Jima receiving a Purple Heart for bravery.

Hershel was predeceased by his parents; one sister, Olean Crone and two brothers, Dale and Thearl Crone.

Survivors include his caring and dedicated wife of 67 year, Betty Jane Mogle Crone of Hot Springs; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Linda Crone of Buford, Georgia, as well as a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Steve Kemp of Hot Springs; one sister, Floy Fikes, of Hot Springs; one brother, Dayton Crone of Hayward, Calif.; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was loved and will be missed by all.

Visitation will be at Hot Springs Funeral Home Friday, April 30, 2010 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Services will be at Hot Springs Funeral Home Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 10:00 AM with Reverends Jeff Hill and Jeff Cranton officiating. Burial will follow at Crestview Memorial Park with Military Honors by VFW Post #2278.

Pallbearers are Steve Kemp, Travis Crone, Bruce Fikes, Bill Randel, Chris Runck and Jeremy Bennetts. Honorary pallbearers are Steve Fikes, Joe Randel, James Wilson and Bill Spencer.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Arkansas Hospice and their caregivers.