

Feb. 19, 1931 Oct. 22, 2012

Oliver Pittman, 81, of rural Spencerville, died Monday morning at his residence following a sudden illness.

He was born Feb. 19, 1931, in Cubbage, Bell County, Kentucky, to Grover and Roberta (Cowan) Pittman, who preceded him in death.

On Sept. 10, 1958, he married Lorene Gibbons, who survives.

Other survivors include four children, Edward (Dorothy) Miracle of Rockford, Beverly (Bill) Collins of Lima, Kimberly Favourite of Napoleon and Lesa (Byron) Fetzer of Delphos; nine grandchildren, Scott Miracle of New Haven, Ind., Jason (Jennifer) Croft and Jenna Croft of Napoleon, Brittany (Tony) Wourms, Spencer Fetzer and Rachel Fetzer of Delphos, Tom (Peggy) Collins and Liz (Ted) Nolette of Toledo and Healther Collins of Cincinnati; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Idella Pittman of Middlesboro, Ky., Norma Jean Cavault of Quincy and Louise (Larry) Hoskins of Federicksburg. Va.; and three brothers, Earl (Betty) Pittman of Knoxville, Tenn., Cleston (Emogene) Pittman of Rose Hill, Va., and Grover (Sue Ellen) Pittman Jr. of Dundee, Mich.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Mills; and a brother, Wendell Pittman. Mr. Pittman was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, married 54 years to his loving wife. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a life member of the Bowersock Bros. VFW Post 6772 and was a member of the Harry J. Reynolds American Legion Post 191, both of Spencerville. He was a member of Spencerville Church of Nazarene. He was a kind and loving friend to all, a man of faith, and loved Bluegrass music. He worked 40-plus years as a supervisor at Ohio Decorative Products in Spencerville, retiring in 1996.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home, Spencerville, with his nephew, the Rev. Ronald Pittman and the Rev. Tom Shobe officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Elydale Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Ewing, Va. Friends may call from 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Friday and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of his wife or the American Lung Association.

Condolances may be sent to tbayliff@woh.rr.com.