



Nathan Earl "Dood" Hardy

July 23, 1921 - November 20, 2009

Nathan E. "Dood" Hardy, 88, passed away on Friday, November 20, 2009 at Russellville Hospital after an extended illness. He was born July 23, 1921 and was a lifelong resident of Franklin County. At 18, he enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and worked in South Alabama and then Idaho to support his family. He enlisted in the Army in 1941, and was captured by the Japanese on the Philippine island of Corregidor in 1942. He was a Japanese Prisoner of War for 3 yrs until he was liberated in 1945. He was truly an American hero, and was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and numerous other honors for his heroic efforts. After the war, he worked at Reynolds Aluminum as a machinist and retired after 25 years of service. As a testament to his integrity and character, he never held any animosity toward the Japanese people. He will best be remembered for his enthusiastic outlook on life, and his determination to do everything to the fullest of his ability. A "never quit" attitude was the foundation of his life. He is survived by his wife, Betty Wimberly Hardy, sons Fletcher Eugene "Pete" Hardy and wife Debbie, Michael D. Hardy, daughter Patricia "Pat" Hardy Williams and husband Bobby, grandsons Chris Williams and wife Angela, Brad Williams and wife Laura, Trevor Hardy and wife Mindy, great-grandsons Noah Williams, Ben Williams, Jake Williams, Josh Williams, and great-granddaughter, Eleana Hardy. A graveside service and interment will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2009 at East Franklin Cemetery with full military honors. Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To sign the register book and to offer

private condolences to the family, go to www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

OH

“ I'm so sorry for the country to lose such a man. Dood was my hero. We served in the service at the same time, plus my two brothers and brother-in-law were in at that time. I know he went through a lot of torment during his capture. We loved him and his family. Best wishes.

Orbie Harris - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I thought a lot of Dood. Been a friend all my life. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jack Harris - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ You all have my deepest heart felt condolences for your loss. Your family is my prayers.

Bobby Saarinen - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Our Prayers and Sympathies are with you. I understand what you all are going through, just gave up my father a month ago, he was 89. Things are much better for Dood now he is with our Father in Heaven, is pain free and celebrating life at its fullest. Just remember you did not lose him, he just changed his address!

Gary & Geraldine Faulkner - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM