



James Hill

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James Buell (J.B.) Hill, 88, of Searcy passed away on Wednesday, November 12th, 2008. He was born in Rector, Arkansas on January 29, 1920. He was the seventh of nine children born to Hugh Henry and Mae Grogan Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Martha Davis Hill, all of his siblings, and his parents. His siblings included four brothers, Delbert Hill, Avery Hill, Denzel Hill, and Don Hill, and four sisters, Floy Bradsher, Anna Dean, Wilma Houston, and Avis Winston. He is survived by three daughters Debbie Jenkins of Tampa, Florida, Dianna Fielder of Atlanta, Georgia and Jennifer Hill Mabry of Searcy. His grandchildren include Kristen and J.P. Jenkins, Meghan Fielder, and Parker Stephenson.

J.B. graduated from Rector High School in 1938 and then attended Arkansas State College in Jonesboro. He was drafted into the infantry branch of the Army while attending Arkansas State College. He served 28 months in the Northwest Pacific Aleutian Islands. After his discharge from the Army, he went to St. Louis where he went to work for the Armour Company for 11 years. He then moved to Searcy and went to work for the Post Office for 28 years. While working at the Post Office as a rural mail carrier, J.B. also had the Friendly Esso Station, Hill- Morris Florist, the Van-Atkins fountain, and J.B. Hill Garden Center. He retired in 1985 from the Post Office and began J.B. Hill Specialty Advertising, where he worked until his health declined this past year.

J.B. was a member of First Baptist Church. He also was a 32nd degree Mason, a life member of the Scottish Rite, a member of the Whitewood Shrine

Club, and the Scimitar Temple in Little Rock. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club.

The family requests all memorials be sent to the Hospice organization in Searcy, or CARTI, both of which provided excellent care to both J.B. and his wife Martha during their battle with cancer.