



## Joseph Dean Hudgins

December 3, 1927 - September 14, 2012

Joseph Dean Hudgins, 84, of Ottawa, Illinois, died Friday, September 14, 2012 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Ottawa.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, September 17, 2012, at the Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Floral. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Joseph was born on December 3, 1927, in Huffman, Arkansas to Egbert and Arbie (Lemons) Hudgins. He married Rita Mae Fowler on February 11, 1955. He worked for the Chicago Transit Authority for 30 years. He served in the Navy and Air Force during WWII. He was a member of Gateway Baptist Church in Judsonia, Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; four daughters, Judy (Charles) Jones, Nita (Robert) Friedle, Diana (Charles) Hillaker and Ramona (Jimmy) McCorkle, all of Ottawa; 16 grandchildren; 19 great – grandchildren; five brothers, Lyman Hudgins of Hazelwood, N.C., Perry Hudgins of Dawson Springs, KY, James Hudgins of Fruitland Park, Fla., William Hudgins of Orlando, Fla.; four sisters, Frances Tarr of Wildwood, Fla., Betty Stieringer of LaMesa, Cal., Mary Ann Trett of Bushnell, Fla. and Emma Hudgins of Wildwood, Fla.

He was preceded in death his parents; a sister, Ramona McLemore and 3

brothers, Oscar, Russell and Earl Hudgins.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My dad was a hard worker. The bills were always paid, the refrigerator was always full. Between him and mom we always had appropriate clothes to wear to school and church. I miss the stories he told me of growing up picking cotton in Arkansas, of what life was like in rural Arkansas before WW2, and after. I miss him.*

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**Ramona Hudgins McCorkle** - March 20, 2022 at 12:18 AM