

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005

**ARVEL M. 'MIKE' TOWNSEND**

April 4, 1918 - Nov. 14, 2005

**GALVESTON** — Arvel M. "Mike" Townsend, 87, of Sycamore Village Nursing Home, Kokomo, went to be with the Lord at 4:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at the facility. Born April 4, 1918, in White County, Ark., he was the son of William T. and Sarah A. (Hooper) Townsend. On Nov. 27, 1942, he married Sylvia L. (Butler) Townsend in Arkansas and she survives.

He retired from Haynes International in 1981 after 30 years and one day of service.

A member of Valley Baptist Church in Searcy, Ark., he enjoyed fishing and gardening. He loved his church and was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Sylvia L. Townsend, Kokomo; a son, Rick and wife Connie Townsend, Russiaville; two daughters, Sue and husband Jon Paul, Searcy, Ark., and Kathy and husband Steve Vandiver, Kokomo; six grandchildren, Tammy and husband Jeff Delaplane, Jeanie and husband Lyle Snyder, Jon and wife Sonya Paul, Amanda and husband Christopher Bowser, Micah and wife Lindsay Vandiver and Joel Vandiver; 13 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Courtney and Chloe Schwartz, Emilee and Jordan Delaplane, Brittani, Breanne and Brooke Snyder, Tanner and Savannah Bowser, Kaelyn and Briley Vandiver and Dylan Miller; two sisters, Dortha and husband Joe Butler and Reba Brown, all of Searcy, Ark.; two brothers, E.C. and wife Naomi Townsend and Willard and wife Arlene Townsend, all of Searcy, Ark.; and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with Pastor Warren K. Purcell presiding. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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