



Benjamin B. "BB" "Papa" Blankenship

April 14, 1924 - April 14, 2012

BLANKENSHIP, BENJAMIN BERL "BB" "PAPA" age 88, of Bessemer, AL, passed away Friday, April 13, 2012. He was a member of Arnolds Chapel United Methodist Church, retired from U.S. Steel, and served with the U.S. Army during WWII. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Violet Blankenship; parents, Pinky and Grover Blankenship; brothers, J.C. and Johnny Blankenship; special mother in law, Granny Baugh, and his step sons, Butch and Robert Fowler. He is survived by his wife, Betty Blankenship; his daughter, Terri (Bobby) Mason; grandsons, Bo and O.J. (Stacy); his son, Ricky (Tonya) Klinner; granddaughters, Brandi, Holli (Matt); step daughters, Debbie (Alan) Thompson, Sylinda (Gene) Hawkins, Rhonda (Terry) Guy, Cathy (Bill) Clayton, Regina (Danny) Sims, Wanda Fowler, Barbara Goodwin and Eleanor Startley; step sons, Mark (Amy) Fowler, Keith (Sonya) Fowler, and Darryl (Lisa) Fowler; eighteen grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren; brothers, Gilbert and Roy Blankenship and a host of family and friends. Funeral services will be held at Arnolds Chapel United Methodist Church Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. with visitation from 5:00 p.m. until service time. Graveside service will be held Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Arnolds Chapel Cemetery.