



Charlie "Cookie" Cooke

October 24, 2008

Charlie "Cookie" Cooke, 89, of Cape Girardeau died Friday, Oct. 24, 2008, at Missouri Veterans Home. He was born March 12, 1919, in Ellerbe, N.C., son of William and Miranda (Thompson) Cooke. He and Maxine (Devoy) Cooke were married Oct. 18, 1945, in St. Louis. Cooke served in the Army during World War II from 1937 to 1940 and 1942 to 1945. He earned four Bronze Stars for his service. He owned and operated a service station for 12 years and was later employed by Yellow Freight Systems as a truck driver. Cooke enjoyed racing stock cars and won five races in Cape Girardeau. Survivors include his loving and faithful wife, Maxine Cooke of Jackson; two daughters, Brenda Seyer and her husband, Mike, of Cape Girardeau, Patricia Nelson of Jackson (Jerry preceded); and two sisters, Sarah Kelly of Hamlett, N.C., Cozette Rush of Ellerbe, N.C. He is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a sister and a grandchild. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Sunday, October 26, 2008 at Ford & Sons Mount Auburn Chapel. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, October 26, 2008 at Cape County Memorial Park with chaplains Steve Francis, John Nimmo and Greg Heinsman officiating. Military rites will be provided by Missouri Honors Team. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau. Memorial donations can be made to the A Team Care Givers at the Missouri Veterans Home or Crown Hospice.