



Jerry L. Dillon

February 23, 2010

Jerry Dillon, 73, of McClure went home quietly to be with his Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. He was born Aug. 16, 1936, in Cape Girardeau, son of Sidney and Delia Waterman Dillon. He and Patsy Wiggs were married Nov. 25, 1956, at Lick Creek, Ill. Dillon was an operating engineer before illnesses caused his retirement. He was a 50-year member of Operating Engineers Local 318 in Harrisburg, Ill. He was a member of McClure Baptist Church and attended Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Tamms, Ill. He was president of the local kidney foundation several years ago and had served on the Lindsey Cemetery Board. He graduated from Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake, Ill., and attended Southeast Missouri State University. He enjoyed keeping his yard immaculate, growing a bountiful garden, hunting with his grandson and fishing with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On March 25, 1975, his father, Sidney, lovingly gave one of his kidneys to him. This gift of life allowed him to see his children grow and to enjoy the blessings of the birth and life of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Even though he lived to be 73, his kidney miraculously worked for 102 years. Survivors include wife Patsy Dillon of McClure. He was the loving father of Cheryl (Scott) Miller of Tamms, and Kevin Dillon of McClure. He cherished his grandchildren, Kristin (Mike) Caldwell and Joshua Miller (girlfriend Heather Pender). He adored his three great-grandchildren Wyatt, Ethan and Kyle Caldwell of Tamms. He is also survived by an aunt, uncle, cousins and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and an

infant sister. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Ford and Sons Sprigg Street Funeral Home. The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating. Burial will be in Lindsey Cemetery in McClure. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Lindsey Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Patsy, Kevin, and Cheryl. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all today. Jerry's struggles have ended, and he is at home with the Lord now. May God give you strength and comfort today and in all the days ahead. Love, Aggie and Ted

Aggie and Ted Colley - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dearest Patsy, we are so saddened to hear about Jerry. We are still in Tex but our thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless all of you.

Dale and Beverley Choate - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Patsy, Cheryl and Kevin, My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. I have high regards for Jerry. He was a special man. Susan

Susan (Campbell) Whiting - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Kevin, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He was always so nice whenever he and your mom came in to see movies. I know you will miss him greatly. Please know that you and your mom and family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Gina Schiwitz Essner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.

Bob & Emma Lou Bennett - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM