



James Robert Kemper

August 25, 1929 - May 17, 2015

James Robert "Boss" Kemper, Sr., 85, of Swallowfield, and formerly of Hesler, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2015, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center.

He was born August 25, 1929, to the late Thomas Ezra and Mattie Parker Kemper. He was a farmer and a retired hatcheryman with the National Fish and Wildlife Service. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Swallowfield Baptist Church for 30 years and a member of Peaks Mill Christian Church. "Boss," as he was known to all, was an avid fisherman who loved the outdoors. He was a neighbor and friend to everyone.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Audrey Rudder Kemper. He is also survived by his children, Judy (Victor) Bourne, Linda (Charles) White, James (Jeannie) Kemper, Jr., Deborah (Ronald) Haines and Frank (Donna) Kemper; a brother, Thomas Kemper, Jr.; and a sister, Pauline Cornett. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Jimmy White, Tammy Morgan, Charley White, Jamie Kemper, Tricia Orme, Benjamin Haines, Jesse Kemper and Molly Haines; 12 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandchild, Amber Kemper Hart and four sisters.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Charles White assisted by Rev. Ronnie McKinney will officiate. Burial will follow in Monterey Cemetery. Visitation is at the funeral home Tuesday evening from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Victor Bourne, Ronald Haines, Jimmy White, Charley White, Chris Morgan and Shaun Orme. Honorary pallbearers are Arch McDonald, Luster Allen, David Lee Rudder, Melvin Mason, Billy Kemper, Mark Kemper and Norris Kemper.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert Kemper*

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“ *I was very saddened to get the call from Isabell that Boss had passed. He was the best fish hatcheryman that I was fortunate to work with for almost 7 years at Frankfort. And that is saying a lot, as I worked at 6 different fish hatcheries in Region 4, before moving back to my home state in 1977. Boss was so knowledgeable with the operation, he could do anything asked of him, and do a very good job also! I don't remember one thing he refused to do or couldn't do at that station, whether it be maintenance, repair, fish culture, fish distribution, or working with other staff. Also, I remember going to his place many afternoons after work. as he loved his Kentucky River, and the crappie we were always chasing. He will be missed by a lot of people who were touched by his pleasant demeanor, and by his stories and work ethic. To Audrey and family, you were all blessed by a good, hard working man, and we will not soon forget him. God Bless you All!*

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“ My condolences to the entire family. May you find comfort in knowing Boss has received his heavenly reward!

John 14:1-4 â€œLet not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Fatherâ€™s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.â€

Kris Dunn - May 19, 2015 at 07:52 AM