

## **Lawrence**

Funeral services for Gerald Key "Jerry" Lawrence Sr., 84, of Dayton, were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007, at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home. Interment followed at Linney Cemetery.

He was born on September 26, 1922 in Dayton, the son of James V. and Winnefred R. Key Lawrence. He was a lifelong resident of Dayton and a member of the Dayton High School Class of 1940. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served during World War II.

Before his retirement, Jerry worked for Brown and Root as a millwright in the Gulf Refinery in Mont Belvieu. He enjoyed computers, woodworking, and vegetable gardening. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dayton where he was a former deacon, the VFW, American Legion, and the Masonic Lodge #825 A.F. & A.M.

He had lived in Florida for nine years before moving back to Dayton.

Mr. Lawrence passed away at his home on June 25, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Joseph Benton Lawrence and Herbert Alvin Lawrence; sisters, Eunice Conner, Helena Turner and Sallie Lawrence; and son-in-law, Gary Montgomery.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Nancy Knight Lawrence of Dayton; his daughter, Scharlot Montgomery of Arlington, Indiana; his sons, Gerald "Sandy" K. Lawrence Jr. and John Coggins, both of Kenefick; his brother, James V. Lawrence of Hillister; eight grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pace-Stancil Funeral Home, Dayton, was in charge of arrangements.