



James Rice

January 18, 1929 - May 26, 2009

Obituary of James Rice RICE, JAMES ARTHUR - 80 Ocala, Florida, Mr. James Arthur Rice died at his residence on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. James was born in Lincoln, Ill on January 18, 1929 to the late John F. and Ethel Rice. He graduated from Lincoln High School. He was a veteran of the US Army and served in the 82nd airborne during the Korean Conflict. For 35 years, James worked for Caterpillar Tractor in Decatur and retired as a unit adjuster. After retirement, he and Mary moved to Ocala, FL in 1985 where he resided until his death. James is preceded in death by both his parents, a daughter, Joyce Ellen Rice, sister, Helen Kindred, and brothers, Bob and Bill Rice. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Mary A. Rice; two sisters, Lois Loomis and Joyce Brady; 3 stepchildren, Dennis, Charlotte, and Mary K.; and 9 step-grandchildren. James will be returned to his hometown of Decatur for burial in Graceland/Fairlawn Cemetery. Visitation will Tuesday, June 2nd from 6 to 8 pm at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home and the service will be graveside on June 3rd at 1:00 pm.