

OBITUARY: Charles "Jim" Blair

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He was born March 27, 1928, in Warren to William Freeman and Ruby (Hicks) Blair. Jim married Clara A. Yeager on Dec. 28, 1951, in Warren. Jim had numerous jobs in his life, including working for Harry Eatman, the railroad in Warren and the Savanna Army Depot for 39 years. He also farmed in the Stockton area for 33 years.

Mr. Blair was a veteran of the U.S. Army. The corporal served from January 1951 to January 1953 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was a member of Warren American Legion Post #464.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; three children, Ronald (Debbie) Blair of Warren, Jimmy (Debbie) Blair of Freeport and Linda (Lonny) Klein of Savanna; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Delores Scott of Nora and Ruth (Donald) Harwick of Warren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Blair.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren. Officiating will be Pastor Margo Peterson.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at the funeral home.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

A memorial fund has been established in his name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.letonfh.com.