

Howard Fuller, 79

Sept. 19, 1927 - Aug. 31, 2007

AVOCA — Howard Lester Fuller, Jr., son of Howard and Dorothy Newman Fuller, Sr., was born Sept. 19, 1927, in New York, NY. He attended school in Pottstown, IL until the eighth grade. After his schooling, he started helping his father on the farm. When he was 17, he enlisted into the United States Navy. Howard served his country from 1944 to 1948 with the Navy Amphibious Corps in the South Pacific where he received numerous medals. After his discharge from the Navy, Howard moved to Avoca and made his home. He was employed as a truck driver for Melvin Trucking, Pabst Blue Ribbon and finally with Stowe Ready Mix. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Avoca. He died Aug. 31, 2007, at his home in Avoca, at age 79 years, 11 months and 12 days.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Virginia Smith; and four brothers, John, Russell, Milton and Arthur; and one grandchild. Survivors include his children, Michael Fuller and Daniel Fuller (Roberta), all of Bloomington, IL; and Cinthy Beach of Peoria, IL; his grandchildren, Stacy Fuller of Hudson, IL; David Fuller of Bloomington, IL; Rayna (Lester) Kauffman of Wapella, IL; and Amanda Fuller of Bloomington, IL; six great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Sept. 6, 2007, at the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with Father John Frost officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Barb Popp, Arlene Roush, Carol Gubbles, Kathy Jacobsen, and Shona Bramman. Military rites were performed by the Fred Funston Post No. 227. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.