

Bates, William

CHAMPAIGN – William "Bill" Bates, 84, of Champaign died at 5:10 a.m. Saturday (March 29, 2008) at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana.



Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the funeral at Owens Funeral Home, Champaign. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Rev. Rex Richardson will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana.

Bill was born Feb. 16, 1924, in Havana, a son of William and Zora Peters Bates. He married Reba McWethy on May 23, 1948, in the Church of the Brethren, Champaign.

He graduated from Champaign High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting in the Philippines.

He was employed by the City of Champaign Police Department retiring in 1973. He also worked for Feutz Contractors, Inc.

Survivors include his wife, a son, W. Keith (Autumn) Bates of Seymour; a daughter Lou Ann (John) Duryea of Quincy; grandchildren, J. Vince Bates of Tucson, Ariz., Lauren (Cale) Hopper of Homer, Kalen Bates of Champaign, William J. Duryea of Elkhart, Ind., Kathryn D. Duryea of Quincy and a sister Miriam "Mimi" (John) Markos of El Segundo, Calif.

He was a member of VFW Post 5520, Champaign.

Memorials may be made to Provena Covenant Rehabilitation Center, 1400 W. Park, Urbana.

Condolences may be offered at www.owensfuneralhomes.com.