



Walter George Rinkel

October 15, 1915 - March 8, 2012

Walter George Rinkel, 96, died Thursday, March 8, 2012 in Crawfordville, Florida. He was married for 61 years to Eloise Taff Rinkel, who preceded him in death in 2002.

Walter was born in Iola, Illinois on October 15, 1915 to Walter M. and Jane E. Rinkel.

Walter retired August 1, 1979 from Florida State University where he worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He was of the Baptist faith.

Donations can be made to Big Bend Hospice, 2889C Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327

Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Arran Cemetery in Crawfordville. Viewing will be held between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. graveside. Brother David Gray will be officiating. Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is in charge of arrangements. (850-926-3333 or bevisfh.com)

He is survived by his children, Theresa Griffin (and husband Ralph), Sherry Hall (and husband Randy), son, Walter Darryl Rinkel and son-in-law, Doug Coleman; 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grand children and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Also

surviving are three sisters, Virginia Hickey, Betty Yates and Marjorie Warner; two brothers Gene Rinkel and Ted Rinkel.

He was preceded in death by his eldest daughter, Deanne Coleman and grandson Keith Rinkel. His siblings, Vera Gigar, Eva House, Richard, Merle, Lyle and Fenton Rinkel.