

Rhodes, W Earl 1931 - 2009

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W. Earl Rhodes, 77, of Richmond, husband of Helen Garrett Rhodes, died Thursday, August 27, 2009, in Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Mr. Rhodes was born December 14, 1931, in Estill County, Ky., the son of the late Earl Milford Rhodes and Cordelia Goe Rhodes. He was a retired residential builder and was a Greyhound bus driver. Mr. Rhodes was a member of First Baptist Church, Richmond. He was past governor and past lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International. He was a Kiwanis Club member for 38 years and a member of the Richmond Kiwanis Club for 15 years. Mr. Rhodes was also a member of the Society of Boonesborough. Mr. Rhodes is survived by: two foster daughters, Opalea Vance of Miamisburg, Ohio; and Sharon Utterbach of Florida; one stepdaughter, Vicki (Dean) Whitaker of Richmond; two stepsons, Buddy (Jennifer) Stevens of Irvine, Ky., and Kenny (Joy) Stevens of Waco; and nine special grandchildren. Mr. Rhodes was preceded in death by: one infant sister, Wilma Jean Rhodes. Funeral services for Mr. Rhodes will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 29, 2009, at Turpin, Vice, and Fritz Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bill Fort officiating. Burial will follow in the West Irvine Cemetery, in Estill County, Ky. Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 29, 2009, at Turpin, Vice, and Fritz Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Bob Lilly, Ben McPherson, Danny Damrel, Adam Poff, Dave Harkleroad and Glen Kleine. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Richmond Kiwanis Club.