



Roy R. Gates

June 29, 1913 - December 25, 2008

Roy R. Gates, 95, of Bentleyville, formerly of Belle Vernon, died Thursday, December 25, 2008. He was a resident of Thorpes Personal Care Home in N. Charleroi. A son of the late Curtis and Hilda Smock Gates, he was born in Monessen on June 29, 1913. Roy was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belle Vernon, the Pennsylvania National Guard in his younger years and retired from the Monessen Plant of Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Company. He was also a farmer for several years in the Bentleyville area and was an avid bowler. Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Doris Jane Ramsey Gates, who also resides in Thorpes Personal Care Home, one son and daughter-in-law, Russell L. and Mary Gates of Bentleyville, one granddaughter, Lisa M. Leach and husband Daniel, two great grandchildren, Hunter D. and Hannah M. Leach, all of Bentleyville and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Curtis and Earl Gates. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Sunday in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon (724-929-5300), www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Monday at 10 A.M. with Rev. David Zona officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. If friends wish, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Research.