



James "Jim" William Wells

November 12, 1922 - April 26, 2011

James "Jim" Wells of Orlinda died on April 26, 2011. Visitation with the family will be Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 11:00am-2:00pm at Orlinda Baptist Church with a Memorial Service to follow at 2:00pm. Mr. Wells was born in Terre Haute, IN on November 12, 1922 to the late Grover and Stella Wells. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the US Army as a PFC-E3, the third rank in the enlisted structure. He was a machine gunner, infantryman and Paratrooper with D (Dog) Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment and the 101st Airborne Division which was made famous by the book/series "Band of Brothers". He received the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB) and the Parachutist Badge (Jump Wings) and participated in the following campaigns: Ardennes (including the Battle of the Bulge and Bastogne), Rhineland (including the battles of Siegfried Line, Operation Market Garden and Remagen), Central Europe (including the Surrender of German Forces). Decorations he received include the European/African/Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze star devices for service in 3 countries, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal World War 2 and the Distinguished Unit Citation with bronze cluster device (2nd award). In addition to his parents Mr. Wells is preceded in death by his son, Jimmie Wells; his daughter, Donna Bruce; brothers, Cecil, John, Homer, Earl and Ronald Wells; and sisters, Bonnie Stickles, Dorothy Durham and Pat Smith. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Nash Wells; Step-children, Richard (Jean) Barrow of Franklin, Tracey (Jacci) of Cross Plains, Kelly Barrow of

Gallatin, Nodja (Ty) Shetters of Portland; and Grandchildren, Corey Barrow, Richard D. Barrow, Ryan Barrow, Katlin Barrow and Logan Heckart.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD,
TN (615) 384-1000

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“ On behalf of myself as Chaplain of Springfield American Legion Post 48 I would to express our deepest sympathy and gratitude for Mr. Wells service to our country. If there is anything we can do to help please let me know. Mr. Wells was a fine man. 654-2359 or 417-0959

Fred Parkhurst - April 26, 2011 at 05:30 PM