



Robert D. "Buddy" Holman

March 7, 1928 - February 17, 2008

Robert D. "Buddy" Holman, 79, of Springfield died Sunday, February 17, 2008, at St. Thomas Hospital. Remains were at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield where services were conducted Tuesday, February 19 with Brother Don Hutchison officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Gardens. He was born March 7, 1928 in Robertson County, the son of the late William L. and Velma B. Krisle Holman. Upon graduating from Springfield High School he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served during the Korean War. Upon completion of his service he enrolled in Bradley University in Peoria, IL to study watchmaking. In 1953, he and his brother, Billy Gene Holman, opened Holman Jewelers in Springfield. In 1960 the Holman brothers opened the Branding Iron Dairy Freeze Drive-In. In 1961 Buddy married Ruth Gail McClanahan. He and his wife continued to operate the restaurant until it closed. After the closing of the Branding Iron in 1977 the Holmans built and leased the property to Wendy's Restaurant for the opening of its 1,000th store. In later years Mr. Holman owned and operated several businesses in Robertson County, including Western Drive-In Market, which offered the first self-service gas pumps in Springfield. Before retiring Mr. Holman helped his son, Harvey, for 11 years at Warehouse Liquors in Springfield. In addition to his wife of 46 years, survivors include sons, Robert D. Holman, Jr. and wife, Debbie, of Murfreesboro and their children, Robert Donald Holman, III, Matthew David Holman, and Harvey F. Holman, and wife, Jenie, of Franklin, and their children, Harvey Frost Holman, Jr., and Jacob Lee Holman; father-

in-law, Joe Harvey McClanahan; sisters, Norma Moon of Springfield and Linda Jones of Murray, KY. He was preceded in death by a son, David William Holman and brother, Billy Gene Holman. The family requests memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund in Springfield.

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

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“ *Gail, I am unable to get out right now without a scooter. My thoughts and prayers were with all of you. I was in touch with Jeanette during this time and she kept me up to date.*

Thinking about you.

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