



Fort Florence

February 3, 1916 - January 5, 2011

Fort Florence, age 94, passed away on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. He was born on February 3, 1916 in Warrior, Alabama. He served as a Merchant Marine during World War II and survived the sinking of the ship Hampton Roads sunk by a German submarine on June 1, 1942. He attended Skyline Drive Church of Christ and devoted christian. He was married to Mary Eliz Jones for 50 years and had two sons Gary Fort Florence and Hugh Grant Florence. He was preceded in death by his wife and son Gary Fort Florence. He is survived by his son, Hugh Grant Florence (Julie), two grandsons, Matthew Grant Florence (Tyler), Zachary Ryan Florence (Tammy), two great grandchildren, Baleigh McKenzie Moffett and Cody Grant Florence. He had four brothers, Opal, Pete, Eugene and John Phillip, one sister, Julia Franklin, and several nieces and nephews and numerous cousins and friends. Visitation will be Friday, January 7, 2011 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at Gardendale Funeral Home, 2214 Decatur Highway. Funeral service will be Friday, January 7, 2011 at 12:00 pm at Gardendale Funeral Home with Brother Bennie Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Church of Christ Cemetery in Corner.