



## John F. Van Aken

January 2, 2006

Murrells Inlet John F. Van Aken, Jr. went home to be with the Lord on January 2, 2006. Mr. Van Aken lived in Murrells Inlet, SC for the past 25 years. He retired from Columbus, NJ where he sold and serviced dairy equipment, operating Jack Van Aken Dairy Supplies with his wife, Alice. He was an active member in the Belin United Methodist Church and Hedding United Methodist Church as well as being a member of the Columbus, NJ and Murrells Inlet, SC VFW. During World War II, he served as a member of the 354th Pioneer Mustang Fighter Group. Jack was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer. Some of the many birdhouses he made are seen on trees throughout the East Coast. John is preceded in death by brother, Billy and sister, Mary. John was born on the family farm in Jamesburg, NJ to the late Sadie Amelia nee Collins and John Francis Van Aken. He was the husband of the late Alice E. Van Aken nee Petty. He is survived by two daughters and a son: Donna and Ray Funkhouser, White Stone, VA; Gail and Gary Donnelly, Mt. Holly, NJ; John and Laura Van Aken, Falls Twp, PA; and five grandchildren; Heather Funkhouser, Richmond, VA; Holly and Donald Cucuzzella, Mt Holly, NJ; Casey and Kelly Donnelly, Mt. Holly, NJ and Joshua Van Aken, Falls Twp, PA. He is also survived by four sisters, and one brother; Melvina and Harry Deuel, Palm Harbour, FL; Kathryn and Joe Reitano, Punta Gorda, FL; Grace and Landon Owen, Morehead City, NC; Elva and Reginald Ely, Raleigh, NC; Henry and Anna Marie Bryan, Philadelphia, Pa. Services will be 4:00 PM, Thursday at Belin United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made

to Belin United Methodist Church, PO Box 528, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576