



Neal A. Thompson

September 21, 1929 - January 28, 2007

LORIS...Mr. Neal Arnold Thompson, age 77, of Highway 66 passed away Sunday, January 28, 2007 at Loris Community Hospital following an illness. Mr. Thompson was born September 21, 1929 in Flint, Michigan a son of the late Horace Thompson and the late Velma Hunt Thompson Free. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for five years, taking part in the Berlin Air Lift. He retired from the U.S. Army after 21 years, serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Mr. Thompson was involved with the Boy Scouts and was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. He was predeceased by his first wife, Margaret Harmon Thompson.

Survivors include his wife: Mrs. Orilla Branton Thompson of the home; two sons: Callie Thompson and his wife Jackie of Locust Grove, Virginia and Timothy Neal Thompson and his wife Grace of Lexington, SC; one daughter: Margaret Carolyn Knetzger and her husband Richard of West Allis, Wisconsin; his stepmother: Helen P. Thompson McGuire of Lincoln, Michigan; one brother: Ernie Thompson of Youngstown, Ohio; one sister: Joann Clark of Michigan; five grandchildren: Laura, Christopher, Philip, Nick, and Caleb; nine step grandchildren; and eight step great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 30, 2007 from 3-4 PM at Ward Funeral Home in Loris.

Funeral services will follow the visitation at 4:00 PM Tuesday from the Ward Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Thompson officiating.

Committal services with full military honors will be held 1:00 PM Wednesday,

January 31, 2007 from the Ridgecrest Memorial Park in Batesburg-Leesville, SC.

Ward Funeral Home of Loris, 843-756-9273, is serving the family.