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Billie Gene Robertson, son of Chester and Ruby Burch Robertson, was born August 8, 1934, on the family farm near Rayborn. He departed this life Monday, December 17, 2007, in St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, at the age of seventy-three years, four months and nine days. On March 25, 1960, he was united in marriage to Helen Kay Hurley, and to this union three children were born. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Jack Robertson. Billie is survived by his loving wife, Kay, of the home; his three children, Elaine Dekam, and her husband, Gary, of Mountain Grove, Missouri, Larry Robertson, and his wife, Debbie, of Mountain Grove, Missouri, and Lanny Robertson, of St. Charles, Missouri and his former wife, Dana, of Springfield, Missouri; six grandchildren, Travis, Chase, and his wife, Sheena, Jesse, and his wife, Brandie, Corey, Dewayne and Niklas; a great-grandson, Levi; his mother, Ruby Robertson, of Mountain Grove, Missouri; two brothers, Joe Robertson, and wife, Judy, Ronnie Robertson, and special friend, Delores, all of Mountain Grove, Missouri; a sister, Genell Rhodes, and husband, Murel, of Mountain Grove, Missouri; three brothers-in-law and their wives, Edwin and Donna Wade, of Norman, Oklahoma, Johnnie and Nadine Hurley, and Gary and Barbara Hurley, all of Mountain Grove, Missouri; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Nadine and Leonard Hart, of Hartville, Missouri, and Imogene and Bill Key, of Springfield, Missouri; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other family and friends who loved him. He was reared on the family farm in the Rayborn community and graduated from Mountain Grove High School in the Class of 1953. He then worked for REA as a right of way clearer for power lines, and then for Brown Shoe Factory for a short time before being drafted in 1957 in to the United States Army where he served tours in Fort Lewis, Washington and in Alaska. Honorably discharged, he returned home to his job at the shoe factory, met and married Kay, and in 1961 went into business with his father operating the farm. In 1963 he and Kay purchased the farm, running the dairy operation for thirty-five



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years. Due to ill health they have made their home in Mountain Grove for the last seven years. Billie professed his faith in Christ, and was saved in 1962. He is a member of the Friendship Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and former choir and song leader. He was an avid Panther booster who never missed a game, supporting his grandsons and the other players, who all affectionately referred to him as PaPa. He also enjoyed fishing in his spare time, especially gigging. Billie was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother and uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. He will be greatly missed and will live in our hearts forever. We celebrate his life and accomplishments and will treasure the wonderful memories he created for his family and friends. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2007, in the Friendship Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 7 - 8:30 p.m. under the direction of Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Hartville, Missouri. Return to top



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