Leroy W. Meekins

August 20, 1930 - December 23, 2009

Leroy W. Meekins of Smyrna DE died Wednesday, December 23, 2009 in the Bayhealth Hospital Center, Dover DE. He was 79.

Mr. Meekins was born near Chestertown, MD, he was the son of the late, Charles A. and Rachel Hurd Meekins. Mr. Meekins was a self employed Dry Wall contractor, and worked for 36 years throughout the Delmarva area. In addition to his dry wall career, Mr. Meekins was a well known singer and performer with his band, Blue Hen Country. They were very popular and could be found playing also throughout the Delmarva region as well as Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the Smyrna-Clayton Moose. He loved to hunt and fish. He loved spending time in his garden and enjoyed cooking. He was an avid antique toy car collector as well as several other items.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Meekins is also predeceased by two sisters, Virginia Joiner and Ella Tead.

Mr. Meekins is survived by his wife of 23 yreas, Janet Marie Meekins; daughters, Phyllis Welch and her husband, Marion of Barclay, MD, Leigh Ann Bodine and her husband, James of Clayton, DE; three sons, Leroy W. Meekins Jr. and his wife, Sandra of Clayton DE, Roger Dean Meekins of

Clayton, DE. and Charles Millard Meekins and his wife, Crystal of Edenburgh, IN; two sisters, Mary Johnson and Catherine Dierker, both of Crumpton, MD; 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, also survived by many other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 1pm in the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 370 W. Cypress St., Millington, MD where friends and family may call after 11am.

Interment will be in the Chester Cemetery, Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions in his memory to the Lillian Smith Senior Center, Clayton, DE 19938.