

Wilbur E. "Emmitt" Hawkins, 69, of Convoy, Ohio, passed away on Monday evening, May 11, 2009, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Emmitt was born on January 2, 1940, to Wilbur E. and Mabel (Burkhart) Hawkins in Adams County. On June 27, 1959, he married Linda L. Cunningham.

He is survived by his wife Linda L. Hawkins of Convoy, Ohio; two sons, Rodney Hawkins (and wife Maggie) and Todd Hawkins (and wife Deborah), both of Decatur; two daughters, Mrs. Polly (Barry) Kraus of Clearwater, Florida, and Jenny Sanderson of Convoy; one brother, Virgil Hawkins (and wife Patsy) of Decatur; one sister, Mrs. Pauline (Marvin) Hiesel of Seattle, Washington; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two step-greatgrandchildren.

Emmitt was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Forest and Charlie Hawkins.

Emmitt attended Decatur Church of God. He retired in 1986 from General Electric after 26 years of service.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 15, from 2-8 p.m. at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 16, at 11 a.m. at Haggard and Sefton. Rev. Sandy Hildebrand will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Huntington's Disease Foundation.

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