

## Donald Blum, 73

March 1, 1924 - Feb. 13, 1998 ✓

**MT. OLIVE, IL** - Donald Joseph Blum was born March 1, 1924 to John Michael Blum and Gertrude Muell in Panama. He attended school in Panama.

He married Cleora M. Wylie Oct. 10, 1942, in Kansas City, MO. Six children were born to this union. He worked for Norfolk and Southern Railroad for 30 plus years and did small engine repair. He joined the U.S. Navy serving during World War II in the South Pacific Submarine Division. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 1634 and Mt. Olive VFW Post 5790. He died Feb. 13, 1998, at St. Frances Hospital in Litchfield, IL at age 73.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Donald Ray Ritchie. He is survived by his wife, Cleora of Mt. Olive, IL; one son, Johnny Blum, Mt. Olive; five daughters, Sharon Patrich, Granite City, IL; Susan (Bill) Ritchie, Litchfield, IL; Donna Hancock, Abingdon, IL; Ethel (Larry) Logue, Abingdon, IL; Gretchen (Daniel) Schoop, Mt. Olive, IL; one brother, Robert (Velma) Blum, Harlan; two sisters, Carmen Ratigan, Panama and Dolores Wilkinson, Harlan; 20 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21, 1998, at Becker and Son Funeral Home, Mt. Olive, IL, with burial in the Mt. Olive City Cemetery. Casket bearers were his grandsons, Billy Ritchie, Mike Ritchie, Andy Patrich, David Patrich, Jimmy Blum and John Robinson.