

## Richard Miller, 72

*May 19, 1932 - June 4, 2004*

**PORTSMOUTH** – Richard Franklin Miller, the son of Warren Franklin and Mabel Gertrude Green Miller, was born May 19, 1932, in Harlan. He was baptized at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. Richard attended school at Tennant Consolidated School and graduated with the class of 1950. After graduating from high school, he worked on his parents' farm south of Tennant. Feb. 16, 1953, he enlisted in the United States Army.

Richard married Bonnie Schleimer Aug. 4, 1962, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. To this union one son, Ronald Franklin, was born. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm four miles north of Tennant and continued to farm. He continued to farm his parents' farm, the old Green place and their own, until he suffered a stroke in 1993. He was a member of the Tennant Methodist Church where he served on various committees. He was secretary of the church board for several years as well as a member of the Shelby Cemetery Board of many years. Richard remained at his home until 1997, when he then made his home at the Elm Crest Community and then finally residing in the Dunlap Care Center. He died June 4, 2004, at Myrtle Memorial Hospital at age 72 years and 16 days.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and his son, Ronald, both of Portsmouth, and one sister, Marilyn (Harold) King of Schaller; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 8, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor James Boardman clergy. Casket bearers were Jeff King, James Keim, Kevin King, Michael Holcomb, Lee McKnabb and Adam Blecha. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

