



Jerry Leroy Hyder

February 24, 1925 - April 24, 2008

Jerry Leroy Hyder passed away on April 24, 2008 at Roane Medical Center. Born on February 24, 1925, he was the son of Johnson Lafayette Hyder and Theresa Holloway Hyder. Preceded in death by his parents and brothers John Voyles and Albert Thurlo Hyder. Jerry was a WWII veteran with the United States Navy. His mother signed for him to enlist with his brother, Thurlo, on D-Day 1942. He was a champion boxer of the South Pacific while at sea. He received the Asiatic Pacific Medal, Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a pipefitter for Y-12 for nearly 20 years. Later he became the Superintendent of Steamfitters Division at Phipps Bend Nuclear Reactor for TVA. He was an Honored Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and participated through the years in humanitarian activities. He loved nature, especially cats and dogs. He enjoyed spending retirement with his brother, Thurlo. The family thanks Elmcroft Assisted Living (formerly Outlook Pointe) of Knoxville for the loving care they provided from 2005-06 and the Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center from 2006-2008. He will be forever grateful for RCRC's staff who was always professional, friendly and kind. Thank you to Roane Medical Center for meeting all of his many needs during his final days. Special thanks to Dr. Bennett who came by everyday, the nursing staff of Roel, Dena, Kristi, Amy, Debbie and many others who assisted in his care and comfort. Your sympathy, advice and dedication made our loss easier to accept. Survivors are a daughter and son in law, Gwen and Freeman Smith of Kingston, TN, sister Joyce Hyder Lipscomb of Knoxville, TN, and

brothers Deward and wife Nettie and Paul Phillips of Naples, Florida. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Larry Clower of Clayton, GA and Bea Richey of Kingston were dear and life long friends. Funeral 8pm Friday April 25, 2008 in the Kyker Chapel. Burial 11am Saturday in Roane Memorial Gardens with Military Honors by the Roane County Military Memorial Honor Guard. The family will receive friends from 6 until 8pm Friday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.