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Stanley L. "Buck" Appl, age 86, of St. Joseph passed away at 4 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Canterbury Ridge, Urbana.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, at Freese Funeral Home, 302 E. Grand, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Steve Burwell officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery, Mayview. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Stanley was born Aug. 18, 1921, in St. Joseph, the son of Edmond and Flossie Yeazel Appl. He married Ruth Rosenberger on Sept. 28, 1947, in Mayview. She preceded him in death in 1986.

He is survived by three sisters-in-law and 17 nieces and nephews who will hold their beloved "Uncle Buck" in their hearts forever.

He was a master mechanic and worked 40 years at the University of Illinois garage and eight years for the city of Champaign.

He served his country in the Army as a staff sergeant in the 96th Infantry Division from October 1942 until January 1946. He served in the Philippines and Okinawa as a machine gunner and was awarded two bronze Service Stars prior to his honorable discharge.

He was a member of the St. Joseph VFW, Champaign American Legion and the Masonic Lodge.

His gentle spirit and sense of humor was a gift to all who knew Buck.

Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph VFW Post or the Provena Covenant Hospice Care Program.