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Ralph Hettick, 91, of Palmyra, and formerly of Scottville and Jacksonville, died late Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, at Pleasant Hill Village in Girard.

He was born June 24, 1922, near Scottville, the son of the late Frank W. and Nellie Worrell Hettick. He married Sarah Margaret Powell on Sept. 7, 1945, in Pontiac, and she preceded him in death June 1, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Bob Hettick (Candi) of Palmyra and Ferol Hettick (Carol) of Brandon, Miss.; three grandchildren, Kyle Hettick of Palmyra, Daryl Hettick (Leslie) of Jacksonville, Fla., and Gerald Hettick (Carolyn) of Watertown, N.Y.; three great-grandchildren, Madison Cole of Carlinville, Andrew Hettick of Jacksonville and Matthew Berghorn of Lexington Park, Md.; two great-great grandsons, Ayden and Owen Fish, both of Watertown, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and one brother, Virgil Ray Hettick.

Mr. Hettick was a graduate of Scottville High School. He was a World War II veteran serving in the Philippines where he received a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star of Valor. He farmed in Scottville Township for many years as well as being an electrician and driving a school bus. Later in life he became maintenance technician for Jacksonville District 117 Schools until his retirement. He was a 70-year member of the Scottville Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. and a member of the Palmyra American Legion Post. He was a member of the Scottville Christian Church. He enjoyed woodworking and making stained glass. He also loved working on small appliances.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday at the Stults-Neece Chapel in Palmyra. Burial will be at Hettick Point Cemetery near Scottville, with graveside military rites conducted by the Palmyra American Legion Post. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the chapel with Masonic services conducted at 4 p.m. by Palmyra Masonic Lodge. Memorials may be made to any Animal Shelter of the donor's choice or to the Scottville Christian Church, both c/o Stults-Neece Chapel in Palmyra. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.airsman-hires.com.