From the Wednesday, June 27, 2007 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Amos Stevenson Sr. -- Kankakee Visitation for Amos L. "Snap" Stevenson Sr., 71, of Kankakee, will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Jones Funeral Home, Kankakee, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday. Rev. Dave Robinson will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens. Memorials may be made to the family. He died Friday (June 22, 2007) at his home, from cancer. Mr. Stevenson was a retired Teamsters Local 705 truck driver for Azzarelli Construction Co. After retiring, he started a lawn care business. He was born Aug. 2, 1935, in Crawford, Miss., the son of Jim and Julia Campbell Stevenson. He had been a precinct committeeman. He barbecued for Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church events and fellowshipped with the Genesis Community Church. He enjoyed gardening and watching old western movies. Surviving are his wife, the former Joyce M. Burton, whom he married July 7, 1969, in Kankakee; eight sons and three daughters-in-law, Sean Stevenson, Joshua Stevenson, Derrick and Lori Stevenson, all of Kankakee, Jimmie Stevenson of Marietta, Ga., Ira and Loretta Nelson of DeKalb, Deon and Angel Swinson of Nashville, Tenn., Amos Stevenson Jr. of St. Paul, Minn., and Terry Murphy of Broadview; eight daughters and three sons-in-law, Krishanna Stevenson, Tasshia Stevenson, Charlene Sessions, all of Kankakee, Julia Ann Stevenson of St. Paul, Minn., Ann and Willie Adams of Milwaukee, Wis., Cathleen and Donald Taylor of Atlanta, Ga., Sheila Stevenson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Kathryn and Peter Eischeild of Bellevue, Iowa; several grandchildren andgreat-grandchildren; two sisters, Hattie Hairston and Jimanna Hawkins, both of Kankakee; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Clarence and Ernestine Stevenson,and Evelyn Stevenson, all of Kankakee; mothers-in-law, Marlene Dion and Darleen Blanchette; and special friend, Henry Lewis. Deceased are one son, Michael Staples; two brothers, Freddie Stevenson and Tommie Stevenson Sr.; two sisters, Ceenella and Laura; two brothers-in-law, Echol Hawkins and Rufus Hairston; father-in-law, Perry Burton; and one sister-in-law, Sarah Stevenson. Please sign his guestbook at jonesfuneralservices.com.