

From the Thursday, December 8, 2005 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

James Owen -- Bloomington James Russell Owen, 75, of Bloomington, formerly of Momence, died Sunday (Dec. 4, 2005) at Scotchwood Health Care Center, Bloomington. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. Friday until the 7 p.m. service celebrating his life at the Calvert and Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington. Chaplain Stephanie Soon with BroMenn Hospice will officiate. Entombment will be in East Lawn Mausoleum, Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to BroMenn Hospice Program. Jim had formerly worked at York Radio and Electronics for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was born Nov. 24, 1930, in Momence, the son of James Gail and Mabel P. Milligan Owen. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, where he obtained the rank of staff sergeant. He was an avid Illini sports fan. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, sewing, trivia, caring for and sharing with his beloved grandchildren. He was loved by one and all. He will be truly missed. Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred M. DeBouck, whom he married Sept. 2, 1950, in Kankakee; one daughter, Vallery (Ron Jones) Knight of Towanda; two sons, Robbin (Carol) Owen of Arlington Heights, David (Debra) Owen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; his mother of Bradley; one sister, Chlovena (Terry) Hebert of Bourbonnais; eight grandchildren, Shannon, Dane and Brandon Owen, Jenniffer and Michelle Owen, Tiffany and Ayron Knight and Jeff Aberle; and one great-grandson, Riley Key. He was preceded in death by his father and one daughter, Sheryl Hart. (Pd.)

From the Wednesday, December 7, 2005 edition of the Bloomington-Normal Pantagraph:

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