

# DONALD R. BEDFORD

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Donald R. Bedford, 67 of Tennessee and former Elkton resident, died Wednesday, Aug. 27 at Marlette Community Hospital.

He was born Dec. 21, 1929 in Bad Axe, son of the late James and Elida (Schlabach) Bedford. He and Donna Jean Clendenan were married May 14, 1955 in Marlette.

Mr. Bedford retired in Jan. 1993 after 43 years at Active Industries where he worked in various positions. He moved to Fairfield Glade, TN. 18 months ago and previously lived and worked in Marion, IN. He graduated from Elkton High School in 1947, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict from 1950-55 and attended Bay City Trade School for 7 years.

He was a member of the Fairfield Glade First United Methodist Church, Elkton Missionary Church where he was a past Sunday School Superintendent, served on the Advisory Board at Indiana Wesleyan University, in Marion, IN., a member of Meshingomesia Country Club in Marion, IN., Veterans of Foreign Wars in Crossville, TN, and a member of the Marion, IN., Elkton, and Bay Boosters Sarasota, FL. Rotary Clubs.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, James (Karen) Bedford, Deerfield, IL., Paul Bedford, Orlando, FL.; one grandson, Jackson Bedford, and one granddaughter, Emily Bedford; one brother, Ross (Joan) Bedford, Warren; two sisters, Elaine (Stewart) Wakefield, Spring Harbor and Hilda (Ray) Clendenan, Marlette; a sister-in-law, Doris Hoover, Marlette.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 30 in the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with Rev. Dean Orr, officiating. Burial was in Marlette Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp, Teen Ranch and American Heart Association.