



## Willis Clyde Dolby

May 5, 1928 - January 18, 2009

Willis Clyde Dolby, 80, of Miola Road, Clarion, died at 12:45 a.m. Sunday morning, Jan. 18, 2009, at the Golden LivingCenter in Shippenville, where he had been a resident for the past several years.

He was the oldest and last surviving member of his immediate family.

Born May 5, 1928, in Helen Furnace, Clarion County, he was a son of the late Lewis and Anna Shrum Dolby.

He was married July 17, 1954, to Josephine Drayer and they celebrated their 40th anniversary in July 1994. She preceded him in death on March 13, 1995.

Mr. Dolby was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving from 1946 to 1948. He was stationed in Europe and also Washington D.C., where he worked funerals at the Arlington National Cemetery.

He worked as a laborer for the union labor local 952 until his retirement in 1990 and was a former tax assessor for Highland Township.

He was a member of the Helen Furnace United Methodist Church and belonged to the American Legion Post #66 in Clarion.

Mr. Dolby farmed his father's homestead for many years and enjoyed gardening, cooking and canning his own foods.

He was an avid card player and loved to hunt, fish and have cookouts with his family.

His theory was if it wasn't a Ford, it wasn't a vehicle.

He is survived by a son, Douglas E. Dolby and wife, R. Jean, of Leeper; three daughters, Darlene Heasley and husband, Ed, of Leeper, Diane Call of

Clarion and Denise Shufesky of Marienville and husband, Dave, stationed in Iraq; and eight grandchildren, Matthew Heasley and wife, Yolanda, of Leeper, Melissa Austen and husband, Scott, of Clarion, Amanda Call and friend, Jake Snyder, of Clarion, Chris Call and friend, Erica Keck, of Clarion, Beth Baker and husband, Josh, of Leeper, Rob Sorrell and friend, Tosha Shumate, of Leeper, Amanda Sorrell and friend, Kyle Davidson, of Garland and Adam Sorrell, serving with the army in Fort Benning, Ga.

He is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, Kaoz and Harmony Baker of Leeper, Matthew Graham of Rocky Grove, Brittany Graham, Austin Stelene, Cody Stelene and Joel R. Sorrell III, all of Leeper; a brother-in-law, Ralph Hedrick of Clarion; a sister-in-law, Susan Dolby of Dubois; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Dolby was preceded in death by two brothers, Melvin Dolby and John Dolby; two sisters, Joan Hedrick and Shirley Schmader; and an infant sister, Diana Dolby.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion,

Military honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post #66 at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rev. Mark Hurst, pastor for the Helen Furnace United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will take place in the Miola Cemetery.

At the request of the family, there will be no donations.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family.  
I send condolences to each of you. I met your mom and dad thru  
The Foodshare Program outta New Bethlehem, then learning my  
husband was a realitive. His father was Francis Dolby and his father  
was Orlie Dolby. Both of your parents were wonderful people , I so  
enjoyed talking to them. You will miss them dearly. Hold your  
memories dear. I surround my computer with pictures of my parents  
and of Harrys mother, this helps my deal with their deaths. Just  
know Harry and I are thinking of you at this time. May God bless  
you and and your families, and help you thru this difficult time.  
We will keep you in our prayers,  
Linda & Harry Dolby*

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**The Harry Dolby FAmily** - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *In this time of your loss I wish to express my deepest  
sympathy. Though it has been many years I still remember your  
Father and your family with the greatest of respect and  
affection. May God hold you close in your time of need.*

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**David Burgdorfer** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Denise, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You and  
your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

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**Lori McCool** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ This is a sad time for family, friends and Nation. We extend our most sincere condolences to you and hope the fond memories you have will comfort you at this time. We have lost a Veteran and we salute him and wish him eternal peace. Semper Fi Marine. The Clarion American Legion

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**Bob Tinsley** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I had the greatest respect for Willis. Most of the times I spoke to him were at family reunions as I reside out of state. He was a very hard working man who loved his family dearly and always spoke about each of them glowing with pride and enthusiasm about their most recent activities. Always friendly, he loved to share a good story or a good joke with everyone. Everyone who knew him liked him . We send our sincere sympathy to his beloved family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jerry Drayer** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Diane, Amanda and Chris- we are so sorry that your beloved dad/grandpa has passed on. We know you are very strong and that you will remember him with all those great memories of stories you told the kids about when you were growing up. Nick says to "remember to look through all your pictures" and Luca said "he is still in your heart" and Ava says "he will always be with you" and Kim and Fred want to remind you that you need to carry on your father's love of having cookouts! With much love from the entire Cherico family!

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**Nick, Ava & Luca Cherico (Kim & Fred too)** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM