Lowell "Jack" Strickland

Lowell "Jack" Strickland, 81, of Minford, died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Southern Ohio Medical Center's Hospice. A native of Scioto County, he was born Aug. 19, 1925, to the late Lowell Wesley Strickland and Margaret Ann Jackson Strickland.

He was a member of Millers Run United Methodist Church and Boulevard United Methodist Church. He was a Mason, belonging to Lucasville Lodge No. 465, the Scottish Rite, and O.E.S. He also was a member of James Irwin Post 622 American Legion and VFW Post 3638.

Jack worked for the State of Ohio Department of Transportation. He was a journeyman carpenter of Portsmouth Carpenter's Local, an insurance salesman, and he was a farmer.

He was a Navy veteran of WWII, during which time he fought at Iwo Jima. While there, he helped carry the original flag to the base of Mt. Suribachi.

Jack is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Stidham Strickland, whom he married Jan. 7, 1946, in Portsmouth, Ohio. He also is survived by seven children, David P. Strickland and his wife, Judy, of Lucasville, Lowell J. Strickland and his wife, Mary L., of Sciotoville, Margaret M. Yeagle and her husband, Mike D., of Minford, John W. Strickland and his wife, Angela, of Minford, Jessie N. Strickland and his wife, Pamela, of Portsmouth, Susan E. Sommer and her husband, Bradley, of Minford, and Sara A. Blume and her husband, Gregory A., of Minford; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Margaret Washabaugh, of Latrobe, Pa.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at F.C. Daehler Mortuary in Portsmouth with the Rev. John Robbins and the Rev. Robert C. Alexander officiating. Interment will be in Scioto Burial Park.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Daehler's. Masonic services will be 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Graveside military rites will be presented by James Irwin Post 622 American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southern Ohio, 2201 25th St., Portsmouth, OH 45662.