

**Cleo Russell Brown**  
**1915 - 2009**

Cleo Russell Brown, age 94, of Worthington, Ky., died June 29, 2009, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Ky.

He was born May 11, 1915, in Oldtown, Ky., a son of the late Harrison Samuel and Minnie Florence Stapleton Brown.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Edna Mae Riley Brown, on Sept. 13, 1977; and two sons, Charles Edward Brown, who died in 1954, and James Russell Brown, who died in 2004.

He was a retired heavy-equipment operator for C&O railroad for more than 30 years. He was a Christian, loved his family and loved to garden and was a member of the McDonald's Breakfast Club.

Surviving are four daughters, Mary Magdline (Albert) Frantom of Tipp City, Ohio, Betty (William) Baker of Troy, Ohio, Ruth (Rick) Schneider of Vandalia, Ohio, and Donna (Danny) Haskins of Worthington; a brother, Belva Brown of Troy; a sister, Bethel (John) Bays of Oldtown, Ky.; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Brown of Troy; and Katherine Kelley, a great and loyal friend. He was also survived by grandchildren Pam Lilly, Brenda Fox, Teresa Alexander, Mark Frantom, Bill Baker, Christy Waford, Jennifer Combs, Justin Combs, Susan Besecker and Randy Ison; 15 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2009, at Wright's Funeral Home in Greenup, Ky., by Brother Homer Bradley.

Burial will be in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods, Ky.

Friends may call after 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at the funeral home.