

Omar Chester Gardner, 74, South Spencer Street, Redkey, died Tuesday at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic, Bluffton, following a long illness.

An Army veteran of World War II, he retired in 1975 from the Aluminum Diecast Foundry, Redkey, after 20 years of employment.

Born March 18, 1918, in Flemingsburg, Ky., he was the son of James and Rose (Gulley) Gardner. He was married to Elnora Roberts, who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, Gary Gardner, Redkey; two daughters, Mrs. Stephen (Betty) Rees and Mrs. Don (Carolyn) Rose, both of Redkey; three brothers, Estill Gardner, Aberdeen, Ohio, and Ervin and Ova Gardner, both of Flemingsburg, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Everett (Stella Mae) Sapp, Mrs. Durard (Mabel) Hamilton and Beulah Turner, all of Flemingsburg;; two grandson and one great granddaughter.

Services are set for 1 pm Friday in the Redkey Chapel of MJS Mortuaries with the Rev. Jack Barker officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at Redkey.

Military graveside rites will be conducted by Redkey American Legion Post 401.

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