



## James "Cotton" Merideth

September 26, 1923 - December 26, 2010

James Leon "Cotton" Merideth, 87, of Benton Harbor, passed away Sunday, December 26, 2010, at Royalton Manor in St. Joseph.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 1:00 P.M., Thursday, December 30, 2010, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier Ave., in Benton Harbor, with Rev. Dan Scheid officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Township with Military Rites. Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening from 5:00 until 7:00 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to either Hospice at Home or to VFW Post 1137.

Cotton was born September 26, 1923, in Bellevue, IL. He was the only son of Marvin and Elizabeth Merideth. He married Juanita Turner on his 19th Birthday and together had two children, Leta and James "Jimbo." Cotton proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy in two tours of duty – first during WWII and again during the Korean War. Cotton worked for the Whirlpool Corporation for over 33 years prior to his retirement. Upon his retirement in 1983, he and his wife Juanita enjoyed traveling – particularly to Mesa, AZ. Cotton will be remembered for "his jokes, one-liners, and for making people laugh." He cherished time spent with his family.

Cotton is survived by his wife, Juanita of over 68 years; children, Leta Jean (Joe) Genovese of Benton Harbor and James "Jimbo" (Gloria) Merideth of Buchanan, MI; grandchildren, Jeff (Nancy) and Jay (Lisa) Genovese and Jed (Katie) Merideth; and by three great-grandchildren, Alex and Katie Genovese, and Addison Merideth.

Cotton was preceded in death by his parents.

# Cemetery Details

## North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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## Service

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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