**Richard I. Small Sr. , 87 Westbrook, Maine**

passed away on Feb. 8, 2012.

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**He was born in Portland on Sept. 13, 1924**,

the son of Oscar C. and Mabel E. (Foss) Small.

**He was raised in Gray by foster parents, Charles and Martha Knight**. He also attended schools in Gray.

Before retiring in 1986, **he was employed for 28 years with Oakhurst Dairy** in Portland. Richard served in the U.S. Army during World War II. During this time he received a purple heart with a clover leaf cluster for being wounded in action.

**He was predeceased by his wife Jeannette;** his two brothers, Francis and Raymond, and a sister, Thelma Bogart.

He is survived by **four daughters**, **Sandra Doughty** and her husband **Tom** of Jackman, **Valerie Lyons** and her husband **Steve** of Havelock, N.C., **Debra Mckeage** and her husband **David** of Benton, **and Brenda Keites** and her husband **Steve** of Westbrook, and by three sons, **Richard** and his wife **Donna** of Commerce, Ga., **Stephen** and his wife **Roberta** of So. Portland, and Bruce and his wife Doreen of Gorham. **Also surviving are 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nephews and nieces.**

Visiting hours will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, at Hobbs Funeral Home, 230 Cottage Rd., So. Portland, **with a funeral service to follow at 2 p.m**. Interment will follow at Brooklawn Memorial Park in Portland.