



Bennett James

October 7, 2003

James M. Bennett, age 83, of Barnett, passed away Tuesday afternoon, October 7, 2003 at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born June 7, 1920 in Independence, Missouri, the son of Thomas and Ode May Matlock Bennett.

He was united in marriage to Marguerite Lorene Fellers on January 14, 1947.

James known to all as "Papa Top Cat" worked in Independence as a heavy equipment operator until 1979. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, member of the V.F.W. Post in Independence and the RALDS Church of Independence.

He is survived by his wife Marguerite Bennett of the home; two sons, J.D. Bennett of Independence, Missouri and Gary Hubert Walter of Barnett; two daughters Katherine McCoskey of Barnett, Karen Baldwin of Barnett; one step-brother Richard Matlock of Arizona; 10 grandchildren 16 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild, many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one step-brother Warren Bennett.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 A.M. Friday, October 10, 2003 at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Reverend Bill Johnson officiating. Military honors & interment under the auspices of the V.F.W. Post #2442 of

Eldon will be in the Versailles Cemetery. Casketbearers will be the grandchildren and nephews. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Friday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles