



## Billie Tom Lawson

June 9, 2007

Billie Tom Lawson, age 77, of Fortuna, passed away Saturday evening, June 9, 2007 at his home. He was born November 4, 1929 near Tipton, Missouri, the son of Charles T. and Gladys Irene Newkirk Lawson.

He was united in marriage on November 26, 1950 at the Fortuna United Methodist Church with Mary Lou Carter.

Billie Tom attended Hickory Grove Elementary School near Tipton and graduated from Tipton High School in 1947. He was bookkeeper at Fortuna MFA, Paul Gabert Chevrolet and later Hainen Motors in Tipton before purchasing Lawson's DX in Fortuna which he operated for several years. He retired from Ken Vaughan Construction in California. He was a member of the Fortuna United Methodist Church, charter member of the Fortuna Area Senior Citizens, and was active in the Fortuna Fire Protection District for many years until his health forced him to quit, but continued to dispatch for them.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Lawson of the home; two sons, David Thomas Lawson and wife Kathy, of Waynesville, Richard Carter Lawson and wife Joy, of Fortuna; one daughter, Lynda Ann Lawson of Fortuna; one sister, Melva Dean Cobb of Tipton; four grandchildren, Courtney Long and husband Colin, of Waynesville, Carter Lawson and Katie Lawson of Columbia, and Andy Lawson of Fortuna, many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at the Fortuna United Methodist Church, with Rev. Bob Bullock officiating. Congregational hymns were sang accompanied Interment will be in the Moreau Cemetery near Tipton. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday at the Church. To send sympathy condolences to the family online visit [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). The family suggests memorial contributions to the Fortuna United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.