



Burnice "Bernie" W. Hays

May 6, 2009

Burnice "Bernie" W. Hays, age 87, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at his home. He was born August 19, 1921, in Bates County, Missouri, the son of Leonard and Phoebe Hays.

Bernie attended Appleton City, Missouri, High School. In June of 1940, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served until the later part of 1945. Most of his service time was spent in the South Pacific.

Bernie married Elizabeth Reese and a daughter Beth was born of this union. He later married Laura Thompson on May 19, 1962. They lived in Seattle, Washington.

He was a Teamster member and worked as a driver salesman. He retired in 1983 from Gai's Bakery in Seattle. Following his retirement, Bernie and Laura moved to the Lake of the Ozarks.

He was a member of the Hurricane Deck Lions Club, the V.F.W. in Camdenton, the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624 in Sunrise Beach, the 40/8 in Laurie, and the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie.

Bernie is survived by his wife, Laura of the home; his children, Stephen Thompson and wife Janet of Olympia, Washington; Joan Adams and husband

Jerry of Renton, Washington; and Paul Thompson and wife Melba of Clinton, North Carolina; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Elmer Hays, and his sister, Edna Webber.

Graveside services and entombment with full military honors will be held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 12, in the Garber Memorial Estates Columbarium in Laurie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Westside Senior Center or the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.