



Charles J. Simpson

March 31, 2006

Charles J. Simpson, age 71, of Versailles, passed away Friday morning, March 31, 2006 at his home. He was born January 9, 1935 in Oquawka, Illinois, a son of John and Loetta Vaughn Simpson.

On June 7, 1953, he was united in marriage with Mary Helen Lancaster.

He owned and operated Charlie's Foods in Versailles. He started cutting meat at the age of 17, and was awarded Meat Cutter of the Year in 1981 out of 2600 stores, was a senator for I.G.A., and served on the board of directors for Affiliated Foods, Inc. He was a member of Versailles United Methodist Church, the Rolling Hills Country Club, was a private airplane pilot and enjoyed flying and playing golf.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Helen Simpson of the home; four daughters, Peggy Simpson of Versailles, Libby Mander of Jacksonville, Illinois, Cathy Ryherd of Jefferson City, and Dixie Salzman of Versailles; one brother, Clark

Simpson of Memphis; ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Terry Lee Calton on April 4, 2002.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 3, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with Rev. Robert Ross officiating. Interment will be in the Versailles Cemetery. Casketbearers will be his grandsons, Chase Lancaster, Bryan Osment, Ryan McCartney, Beau McCartney, Cameron McCartney, and Michael Probst. Honorary casketbearers will be his granddaughters, Peggy Lancaster, Stacy Knous, Charley Ann Osment, and Caitlin Osment. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association. To send sympathy e-mails for the family visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.