



Donald Ray Blacksten

October 2, 2010

Donald Ray Blacksten, age 73, of Independence, Missouri, passed away Saturday, October 2, 2010, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. He was born July 5, 1937, in Excelsior, Missouri, the son of the late Rolla O. and Hazel Rastle Blacksten.

He retired after 31 years from Cargill in California, as a picking room operator.

He was a United States Navy veteran.

Don is survived by his wife, Anna Blacksten of the home; two step-sons, David High of Grant, New Mexico and Steven High of Bowling Green, Missouri; two step-daughters, Rosemary Shook of Orrick, Missouri and Vikki McBee of Independence, Missouri; twelve grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Ronnie Blacksten of Excelsior, Missouri; two sisters, Kay Lietzke of High Point, Missouri and Karen Blocher of Overland Park, Kansas; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, John Blacksten, and a sister, Kathryn Blocher.

Graveside services and inurnment will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 15, at the Hopewell Cemetery near Barnett. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Expressions of

sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.