



Drake Perry Theodore

December 4, 2003

Theodore Perry Drake, age 80, passed away Thursday, December 4, 2003 at his home near Laurie. Ted was born February 24, 1923 in Strausburg, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Elvira Hoover Drake, 3 sisters, Ida White, Effie Allen and Edith Staley, 4 brothers, Carl, Wess, Howard and Joseph LeClaire.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Harriett, 2 daughters, June Lowry, Raytown, MO, and Joan Drake, DeSoto, MO; a brother Julius LeClaire of Calhoun, MO, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Ted served his country in the US Navy during World War II, seeing combat action in the Pacific Theater, and was recalled to duty during the Korean War. Ted was a retired drywall contractor/builder for 25 years in the Kansas City and Raytown, MO area, and 10 years at the Lake of the Ozarks. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, flying as a private pilot, and was author of the book "The Boy Who Grew Up in the Ozarks." He will be missed and remembered by many family members and friends.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 8, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie-Sunrise Beach Chapel in Laurie, with Rev. Jim Sutherland officiating. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to

Citizens Memorial Hospice, 1500 N. Oakland, Bolivar, MO 65613.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.