



## Fred B. Hanson

June 23, 1923 - December 9, 2011

Fred B. Hanson, age 88, of Gravois Mills, passed away Friday, December 9, 2011, at the Laurie Care Center. He was born on June 23, 1923, in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of the late Fred and Irene Kaltire Hanson.

Fred graduated from Technical High School in Omaha, Nebraska in 1941, and joined the U.S. Army in May of 1943 and served through 1945.

He served as a tail gunner in a Sherman Tank and fought in the Battle of the Bulge; where under the leadership of Lt. General George Patton, the Third Army rescued the defenders of Bastogne, Belgium. Fred was decorated with a Purple Heart for his war efforts.

Fred's professional career was with Graybar Electric. He worked as a salesman in Nebraska and Kansas City, and in 1976, he settled in Wichita, Kansas, where he managed the Graybar branch office. He retired from Graybar Electric after thirty-five years of service and moved to Laurie, Missouri with his wife Edith.

He was a long time member of the Elks Club, the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624, and served on the board of directors for COMO Electric.

Fred was preceded in death by his brother, Robert L. Hanson and is survived

by his wife, Edith Hanson; two sons, Steven (Maureen) Hanson of Colorado and Gary (Linda) Hanson of Omaha; two grandsons, Michael Hanson of Omaha and Drew (Katie) Hanson of Seattle.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 13, at the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie. Graveside services and interment with full military honors will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C., or the Old St. Patrick Cemetery Fund, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to Edith and family, we have fond memories of Fred at the lake and being our neighbor.*

*Elmer and Cleo Rush  
David Rush  
Leavenworth, Kansas*

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**David Rush, 31101 Grandview** - December 13, 2011 at 10:55 AM

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“ *Fred was in my Tech High School class of 1941. He played in the band. So did I. I was in the printing business and in late 40's I printed a brochure for him for a toy airplane device. I visited with Fred at our class reunions. He was a very personable person. My condolences to his family from...*

*Walter Graham, 1010 So. 91 Circle, Omaha, NE 68114*

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**Walter B. Graham** - December 12, 2011 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Fred was one of the most engaging and positive persons we have ever known. He always had a kind word and left us feeling better for having spent time with him. We will miss him greatly and send our sympathy and prayers to Edith and the family.*

*Doug and Mary Pat Abele  
510 Fourth Street  
Boonville, MO 65233*

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**Doug and Mary Pat Abele** - December 11, 2011 at 01:56 PM