



Gather J. Howard

September 10, 2005

Gather J. Howard, age 78, of Jefferson City, passed away Saturday evening, September 10, 2005 at Villa Marie Skilled Nursing Facility in Jefferson City. He was born December 20, 1926 at Bagnell, Missouri, the youngest son of Lon and Zelia Hicks Howard.

He was united in marriage on November 17, 1953 with Rosa June Sharpe, who preceded him in death on November 3, 2003.

Mr. Howard served in the United States Army as a paratrooper receiving an honorable discharge. He was a merchant seaman in the MSTS for 27 years earning a 3rd Engineer License. While in the Merchant Marines he traveled the world and participated in arctic expeditions, Deep Freeze I and II, worked with tracking of Apollo flights, nuclear sub testing, and in supplying troops during the Vietnam Conflict. After retirement from MSTS he worked at St. Mary's Health Center and Lincoln University.

Remaining to mourn his death are six children, Gloria Beveridge of Jefferson City, MO, Jessie Moyers of Pacific, MO, Jackie Moyers of Virginia Beach, VA, David Pinney of Pensacola, FL, Sondra Schwehn of Grand Island, NE, and Lynn Howard of Jefferson City, MO; two brothers, Leslie Howard of Versailles, and Ralph Howard of Independence; one sister, Opal Kreiling of Versailles; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents

he was preceded in death by one son, James Moyers, granddaughter Lorrie Beveridge, sister Etta Campbell, and five brothers, Ernest, John, Porter, Gail and Oscar Howard.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Interment will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Eldon. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. To send sympathy e-mails for the family visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Child Advocacy Center for Abused Children. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.