



Gaylord Akin

February 15, 1919 - April 3, 2011

Gaylord Akin, age 92, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2011, at his home. He was born February 15, 1919, in Akinsville, Missouri, the son of the late Dudley and Alma Lingle Akin.

On January 25, 1947, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Campbell, over the phone, while stationed with the United States Air Force. She preceded him in death on September 17, 2009.

Gaylord was a 24 year retired United States Air Force veteran having served in WWII.

He graduated from William Jewel College in Liberty, Missouri, and also took Bible classes at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar.

Gaylord centered his life around Bible study and theology and spending time with his family.

He loved gardening, and was known in his neighborhood each year for his vegetable stand.

Gaylord was a member of the Red Bridge Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

He is survived by his daughters, Gayle Dianne Serna and husband Yuriy of Butler, Missouri, and their children Shanya-Marie Zoya Serna and Jason Cruz, Darlene Annett King and husband Joe of Strongsville, Ohio, and their children, Brett King and Jennifer King, and Pamela Irene Carie and Gerald Divelbiss of Independence, and her daughter, Ashlee Harris-Carie; his brothers, Ted Akin and wife Dixie of Kansas City, Missouri, R.D. Akin and wife Charlotte of Independence, Missouri, Dwight Akin of Sedalia, Missouri; Darrell Akin and wife Shirley of Rowlett, Texas, and Dudley Akin of Andalusia, Alabama; his sisters, Yvonne Leiding of Ft. Walton, Florida, Benford Fowler of Fortuna, Missouri, and Phyllis Nester of Panama City, Florida; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Dorothy Jo Maska, his brother, Clifford Akin, and his sister, Wilford Wilcox.

A private family graveside with full military honors was held in the Akinsville Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Kansas City.

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