



Hale Leonard

February 17, 2008

Leonard Martin Hale, age 77, of Gravois Mills, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2008 at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born April 13, 1930 in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of Charles Jesse and Edith Mae Chawkley Hale.

Leonard served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 – 1950. He was employed as an over the road truck driver and worked for several truck lines. He retired from Cummins Tool.

In 1999 Leonard married his wife, Virginia G. Hamilton. They enjoyed a good life together at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia of the home; two step daughters, Gail Loudner of Kansas City, MO, Bessie Loudner of Kansas City, Kansas; son Michael Hale and wife, Monica of Basehor, Kansas; daughter Linda Lewis Garcia of Kansas City, Kansas; sisters Wilma McCall of Illinois, Joann Simpson of Kansas City, Kansas, Peggy Bodam of Arizona, Carolyn Danzig of Shawnee, Kansas, Donna Jean Wooley of Council Bluffs, Iowa; one aunt Emma Courtney 101 years old of Independence, California; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Edith Hale; a

brother Charles Hale; and a sister, Helen Greenwood.

Leonard will be remembered by all that knew him as a honest, hard working and outspoken man. He could be counted on to "Tell it like it is". He will be greatly missed, especially by his five Dachshunds, Shotiz, Norman, Vera, Red, and Runt, his "Babies".

Private family services will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent online to www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie-Sunrise Beach Chapel. (573) 374-7688