



Jack R. Reinke

June 29, 2010

Jack R. Reinke, age 86, of Gravois Mills, passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at the Harry S. Truman Memorial VA Hospital in Columbia. He was born April 8, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of the late William and Thelma Everson Via.

On November 4, 1954, in Gravois Mills, he was united in marriage to Gloriana Morrison, who survives of the home.

Jack served 6 years from April of 1941 to 1947 in the United States Navy. He left New York on a troop ship in 1941, and was sent to London, England, then to Belfast, and on to London Derry where he was stationed from 1942-1944. He was in Norfolk, Virginia, in December of 1944, to commission the new ship, the USS New Hanover AKA 73. After the commissioning, they went through the Panama Canal, to the South Pacific Island, and on to Pearl Harbour. He was part of the Task unit into Okinawa. Later, he went to Sasebo, Japan, and then back and de-commissioned the ship as a Plank Owner of AKA 73. He then served aboard the USS Wisconsin BB64. He was honorably discharged in 1947, with the rank of 1st Class Machinist mate.

Jack lived in Kansas City, Missouri, before entering the service. His parents owned a piece of land at the Lake of the Ozarks. When Jack was discharged, he decided to move there. Shortly after that, his parents moved to the Lake and built a small resort.

Jack owned and operated Jack Reinke Plumbing and Electric for many years. He ran many miles of plumbing and wire in local resorts and subdivisions,

including the Gravois Trailer Park and many turkey bars and water systems. He baptized in the Lutheran Church as a child. He was a life member of the VFW Post #5902 in Gravois Mills, and a life member of the American Legion Post #104 in Versailles.

Jack enjoyed arrowhead hunting, and loved animals, especially watching the birds.

In addition to his wife, Gloriana, he is survived by his son, Ronald Reinke and wife Janie of Fortuna; two grandchildren, Misty Clark and Chelsey Reinke both of Versailles; three great-grandchildren, Jack Clark, Jlee Clark, and Mackie Wood, III, all of Versailles; his sister, Bonnie Williams of Columbia; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Donna J. Reinke on March 12, 2009.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 2, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with the Reverend Ellen Hoff officiating. Interment with full military honors will be held in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Lung Association or to the charity of the donor's choice. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.