



## James Albert Hager

March 31, 2009

James Albert Hager, 79, of Odessa, MO, formerly of Liberty, MO and the Lake of the Ozarks, MO, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at Center Point Medical Center in Independence, MO of a massive stroke. He was born February 19, 1930 in Clinton, MO, one of seven children to George and Minnie Bell Cummins Hager.

He attended school at Calhoun, MO in Henry County. Jim was an avid race fan and a very well liked racecar driver. He drove at Riverside, Lakeside and I-70 tracks. He was referred to as "The Charger". In 1969 Jim and his wife opened Liberty Bend Auto Salvage where they worked together until his retirement in 1996. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Eileen Montavy Hager, of the home; three daughters, Connie Drake, Eager, AZ, Cheryl Hager, Bay City, TX, and Jan Carlson, N. Kansas City, MO; one son, Jamie Hager, Kansas City, MO; three stepsons, Dennis Pratt, Abilene, TX, Douglas Pratt, Sugar Creek, MO, and Monte Cotton, N. Kansas City, MO; one stepdaughter, Tana Hager, Liberty, MO; one sister, Anna Lee Rader, Clinton, MO; 11 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, John, David and Louis Hager, and two sisters, Mae Croft and Myrtle Barrows. Jim, you are the reason the sun shines in my life. You will be missed so very much by us all,

precious one.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with Rev. Larry Kuhl officiating. Interment will be in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Sympathy condolences may be sent at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.