



James J. Eddy

March 3, 2007

James J. Eddy, age 85, of Gravois Mills, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach. He was born December 2, 1921 in Livermore, Humboldt County, Iowa, a son of James Henry and Edith A. Rummens Eddy.

Mr. Eddy herded sheep, raised cattle, operated a sawmill, and was a master mechanic at Page Boat Marina near Gravois Mills for many years.

He was a World War II Army veteran having served from August 1, 1942 until 1945. His rank was Staff Sergeant and his job was as travel control. James was in the 761st Military Police Battalion, Company C. He spent time in the Jefferson's Barracks; Ft. Riley, Kan., for basic training; Washington, D.C.; Seattle, Wash.; and Fort Richardson, Alaska. For two years, he was motor sergeant, for one year he was a guard in Baltimore, MD. He was part of the Honor Guard for President F.D. Roosevelt's funeral procession; he was in the parade honoring Omar Bradley. He earned the American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal with Clasp and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Ona Beverly Eddy of the home; two step grandsons, Jonathon Armstrong and Christopher Armstrong, many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a stepson, Thomas E. Armstrong; three brothers, Joe, Bill and Albert Eddy, and

two sisters, Blanche Sheneman and Grace Walters.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Vocal selections of “Whispering Hope” and “One Day At A Time” were played. Interment was in the Versailles Cemetery, with full military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624 of Sunrise Beach. Casketbearers were Roy Ellis, Ernie Hibdon, John Ensor, Gary R. Walters II, Chris Armstrong, and Warren Wilson. To send sympathy condolences for the family visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.