



Joseph F. Medved

November 23, 2010

Joseph F. Medved, 91, died on Tuesday evening, November 23, 2010, at his home in Sunrise Beach, Mo. Joe, also known as “Potts,” was born on May 10, 1919 to Joseph and Anna Salek Medved in Kansas City, Ks. He attended St. Joseph’s grade school and then Timmons grade school in Kansas City, Ks., as well as Bonner Springs High School in Bonner Springs, Ks.

He graduated from Auburn High School in Auburn, Ks., in 1936. He was recruited to play basketball at the University of Kansas by Forrest C. “Phog” Allen, but turned down that offer to work and help his family through the Great Depression. He remained an avid KU fan the rest of his life.

He began work for the Union Pacific Railroad as a laborer (soon promoted to clerk) in 1939. He continued with Union Pacific in Kansas City, Ks., where he became the Warehouse Foreman in 1947, until he retired in 1979.

Joe married Pauline Brinza on June 19, 1941, at St. Casimir’s Church in Kansas City, Ks., and they were married for more than 50 years. He entered the U.S. Army on November 9, 1942. After being stationed at Camp Polk, La., and Camp Claiborne, La., he transferred overseas and served in the China-Burma-India theater through the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged on December 15, 1945.

Joe was a member of the Shrine of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Laurie, Mo.; Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie, Mo.; Zach Wheat American Legion Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, Mo.; Strawberry Hill Old Timers’ Club in Kansas City, Ks.; Chapter 1 Disabled American Veterans in Kansas City, Ks.; and the Union

Pacific Old Timers' Club in Kansas City, Ks. He also loved fishing, gardening, gambling, Jayhawk basketball, being "Potts," and being Mayor of the Ozarks. Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Brinza Medved; his father, Joseph Medved; his mother, Anna Medved Yustick; his step-father, John Yustick; and his brothers, Ed Medved and John Yustick. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Medved, of the home; his daughter, Maryanne Lyons, of Houston, Tx; his son, Joseph Medved, of Prairie Village, Ks.; his grandsons, Nick Medved and Tom Medved, of Lawrence, Ks; and his sisters Dorothy Yustick Holmes, of Topeka, Ks., and Jean Yustick Croucher, of Independence, Mo. He is also survived by his step-daughters Patsy West, of Gravois Mills, Mo.; Deby Leininger, of Camdenton, Mo.; Nancy Jenkins, of Camdenton, Mo.; and Jane Dykens, of Lebanon, Mo.; and Vincent Carson, of Kansas City, Mo., as well as 13 step-grandchildren and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 28, at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Laurie, Mo. (573-374-7688) A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 29, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 176 Marian Drive, Laurie, Mo. Burial will be at Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 29. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Joe's favorite charity, Share the Harvest in Greenview, Mo. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.