



Lester H. Ray

July 13, 2009

Lester H. Ray, age 89, of Centertown, passed away Monday, July 13, 2009, at Ashbury Heights in Jefferson City. He was born January 1, 1920, in Elston, Missouri, the son of the late James M. and Esther Gibler Ray.

On September 12, 1941, in Elston, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Faye Pace, who survives of the home.

Lester was a self-employed truck driver and mechanic for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in WWII.

He attended the Centertown Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Eugene Ray and wife Mary of Omaha, Nebraska, Bruce Ray and wife Cathy of Haskell, Texas, and Keith Ray and wife Laura of Lake Ozark; two daughters, Marilyn Rothove and husband Ron of Gravois Mills and Shirley Wickham and husband Ernie of Moriarty, New Mexico; twelve grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Frances Lee Flora of Blair, Nebraska and Hazel Craig and husband Richard of Arnold, Missouri; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Ray and Robert Ray, and one sister, Peggy Johnson.

Graveside services and interment with full military honors will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, July 18, at the Centertown Cemetery with the Reverend Bruce Ray officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M., Saturday, at the Centertown Baptist Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.