



Lloyd Creed Marriott

July 29, 2010

Lloyd Creed Marriott, age 82, of Versailles, passed away Thursday, July 29, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born January 11, 1928, in Versailles, the son of Speed and Lelia Phillips Marriott. He graduated from Versailles High School in 1946, and married Nita Brown on July 27, 1947.

He served in the Army during the Korean War, attached to the Army Engineers as Company Commander, at the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Creed, as he was known, worked for Kroger grocery stores starting in 1946, working his way to manager by the age of 20. He continued there for 22 years. In 1968, he began working for Continental Baking Company. His interests always revolved around building things, adding to the house in every direction. He built a shop in the garage out back and started building cabinets for folks, and that evolved into a new career. In 1976, he officially opened Marriott Wood Products.

In 1977, he and Nita, with daughter Lea, moved from Kansas City back to their native Versailles, where over the course of 3 decades, his craftsmanship can be seen in hundreds of homes throughout the lake area. His masterpiece, being the Versailles United Methodist Church, where he built by hand the entire interior, including alter, pulpit, and choir loft in solid walnut. To finish on schedule, he completed a pew a day for 30 days.

He retired from woodworking in 2005, and returned to the grocery business where he spent the past 4 years working for Gerbes, and then Wal-Mart in the

meat department. He prided himself that he never missed a day of work in his life, working full time until past his 82nd birthday. His last full day at Wal-Mart was April 7, 2010.

Creed was active in several social and charitable organizations. He served as Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge in Versailles, where he was a member since 1988. He was also appointed Raja of the Versailles Shrine Club. He joined the Order of the Eastern Star in Versailles, in 1989, where he served as Worthy Patron for four terms, and Worthy Grand Patron for the State of Missouri in 2005. Within the Eastern Star circles, he was affectionately known as "the Hugger".

Creed and Nita were married at the United Methodist Church of Versailles, and upon their return to Versailles in 1977, they joined the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Speed and Lelia Marriott, and eight siblings, Ronald Marriott, Josephine Marriott, Malcolm "Mac" Marriott, Garland "Beau" Marriott, Bonnie Lauffer, Dorine Dames, Doris "Dutch" Hautt, and Laura Francis "Larry" Henning.

Creed is survived by his wife Nita; their three children, son, Speed Marriott and his wife Cathy of Overland Park, Kansas, daughter, Shirley Marriott Harryman and her husband Keith of Kansas City, Missouri, and daughter, Lea Marriott of Versailles, Missouri; four grandchildren, Ashley Borniger and her husband Chris of Wichita, Kansas, Bryan Creed Marriott of Kansas City, Missouri, Andrea Colburn and her husband Rory of Olean, Missouri, and Austin Edgar of Versailles, Missouri; and his brother, Waldo Denzil Marriott of Anderson, California.

Funeral and Masonic services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 3, at the Versailles United Methodist Church, the church he so lovingly helped to build. The church is located at 210 N. Monroe Street, Versailles, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, at the church with an Eastern Star service beginning at 7:30 p.m. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the Versailles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society or to the Kidney Foundation.

Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.