



Merl D. Johnson

April 25, 2010

Merl D. Johnson, age 82, of Gravois Mills, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2010, at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia. He was born September 20, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of the late William James and Gladys Idell Riggin Johnson.

On January 27, 1953, in Milan, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Barbara Scholtes, who survives of the home.

Merl was a veteran serving in the Coast Guard during WWII and the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a television repairman for several years. He enjoyed collecting, especially Hollywood memorabilia.

He was a member of the Gravois Mills Church of God.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, he is survived by five children, Merl Johnson of Anza, California, Cindy Allen of Boise, Idaho, and James Johnson, Dennis Johnson, and William Johnson all of Gravois Mills, Missouri; thirteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Harold Johnson and Theodore Earl Johnson.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29, at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Thursday, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Merl D. Johnson Memorial Fund. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.