



## Reuben B. Melander

January 5, 2011

Reuben B. Melander, age 88, of Versailles, passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. He was born March 25, 1922, in Negaunee, Michigan, the son of the late Oscar Wilhelm and Selma Jacobson Melander.

On January 23, 1948, in Negaunee, Michigan, he was united in marriage to Alice Maxine Kitchell, who preceded him in death on June 28, 1986. He later married Alline Burns on September 2, 1987, in Springfield, Missouri, and she preceded him in death on January 12, 1995.

Reuben was a graduate of North Central Bible School (now North Central University) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was ordained by the Assemblies of God Southern Missouri District on April 15, 1948. He served as Pastor of several churches in Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, and Oklahoma. Upon retiring, he continued to serve the Lord as a volunteer in Prison Ministries.

He was a member of the Versailles First Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his son, John Melander and wife Nancy of Buffalo Grove, Illinois; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sister, Esther Millbrandt of Versailles; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wives, he was preceded in death by his brother, Paul Melander and his

sister, Ruth Ochalo.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 8, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Howard and Reverend Roy Bennett officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 7, at the funeral home. Interment will be held at 11:30 a.m., Monday, January 10, at the Caledonia Methodist Cemetery with Reverend Gary Petty officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles First Assembly of God Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Reuben one of my memories of you, was my mom, Paul, & I, being at your home in MO. You drove us down to the Ketchells farm in your stick shift Dodge Dart. My memories of being on the farm brings me so much joy.*

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