



## Robert Lowe Sr. Jones

February 9, 2008

Robert Lowe Jones Sr., known as Bob Jones, of Spring Hill, KS, formerly of Versailles, passed away Saturday evening, February 9, 2008 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Overland Park, KS. He was born in St. Joseph, MO on April 18, 1921 to Dr. Hubert Jones from Kenneth, MO, attending Veterinary College, and Mayrella Adams Jones from Mound City, MO.

Bob graduated from Mountain Grove High School in 1939 and was an outstanding athlete in basketball, football, and track winning many awards. Because of his athletic ability he was awarded scholarships to Mississippi State where he played football and Iowa State where he attended veterinary college. Not wishing to follow in his father's footsteps as a veterinarian he left college and tried to join the military during World War II. After being assessed as 4-F not physically acceptable because of a goiter, he took a position in 1941 as manager of the Post Exchange's at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. At this time he met Effie DeFord working in one of his PX Exchanges and they were married Christmas eve 1941. Bob and Effie managed shoe stores after the war in Springfield, OH, Minot, N.D., Sedalia, MO, and Versailles, MO., where they made their home, and Bob decided to go into business for himself. He and Joe Thomas had an army surplus store. He also had a shoe store, and Jones General Merchandise Store, Jones Sporting Goods in Gravois Mills, and Jones 5 & 10 Dime Store. From 1966 until 2005 Bob was an Insurance

Agent for Farm Bureau, Bob Jones Realty Broker, an agent for Dorrel & Hanks Realty in Springfield, MO, and an insurance agent for Old American Insurance Company in Sedalia, MO. Bob was a former member of the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, and Kiwanis Club. He was a founding member of the Rolling Hills Country Club in Versailles, was instrumental in the development of Cherokee Village Subdivision in Versailles where he lived until July of 1995. In 1976 Bob and Joe Thomas founded the Heluva Lure Fishing Tackle Company, manufacturing lures for all game fish. He continued this profession until 1995 where he ceased operation. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is best known for his cat fishing and crappie fishing abilities.

He is survived by one son, Robert L. Jones Jr., and his wife Sally of Lenexa, KS; two grandsons Robert L. Jones III, and Shawn A. Jones of Olathe, KS; one great grandson, Taylor B. Jones of Olathe, KS; three brothers, Turner A Jones of Springfield, MO, James E. Jones of Hayden Lake, ID, and Jo Ray Jones of Irvin, CA, many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by three brothers, Hubert C. Jones, Dr. James M. Jones, and Burgess E. Jones.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with Pastor Barry Fielder officiating. Interment will be in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Sympathy condolences may be sent online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.