



Roy E. McElwain

April 17, 2009

Roy E. McElwain, age 78, of Gravois Mills, passed away Friday, April 17, 2009, at his home. He was born December 27, 1930, in McCune, Kansas, the son of the late Louie and Inez Smith McElwain.

On October 10, 1959, in Kansas City, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Kathryn Annabell Drury, who survives of the home.

Roy graduated from high school in Girard, Kansas in 1949. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran having served in the Korean Conflict. He worked for the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller until his retirement. After retiring, he enjoyed his hobbies of woodworking and carpentry. He was known throughout the lake area for his carpentry work.

Roy was a member of the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie. He was also a member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie, where he was once, "Elk of the Year", the Coast Guard Auxiliary, was a volunteer firefighter and was involved in the Crime Watch, and the American Legion Post in Gravois Mills. He was an avid KU sports fan.

In addition to his wife, Annabell, he is survived by one son, Gary McElwain and wife Janette of Stilwell, Kansas; two grandsons, Luke and Drew McElwain both of Stilwell, Kansas; one brother, Herbert McElwain of Moore, Oklahoma;

two sisters-in-law, Valeta McElwain of Columbus, Kansas and Margurite McElwain of Port Charles, Florida; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence McElwain and Charles McElwain.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with the Reverend Rick White officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.