



Walter Irvin Pigman

June 24, 2007

Walter Irvin Pigman, 82, of Fortuna, departed this life Sunday evening, June 24, 2007 at his home after a lengthy illness. He was born May 20, 1925 in Evanston, Iowa, son of Alva and Marie Crouse Pigman, both deceased.

In 1943 he married Avis Guymon and she preceded him in death in 1997 after having shared 54 years in marriage.

Walter served his country in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre as a Yeoman 2nd Class, earning 3 Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star, later writing a book of those experiences. He has lived most of his adult life in Missouri where he owned and operated a construction business, farmed, managed bowling alleys in California and Tipton before retiring from General Motors after 25 years of service. He was a carpenter and millwright by profession with a natural bent for inventing. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post #5178 in Versailles and member of the U.A.W. #31.

Walter is survived by two daughters, Debra Summers of Fortuna, and Linda James of Versailles; five grandchildren, Tanya Romig, Tiffany Romig, James Summers, Roy Pigman, and Michael James; seven great-grandchildren, his sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Larry Martin of Hamilton, Ohio, and a special friend and companion Temple Croy. He was preceded in death by one

sister Aline Sapp.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with Rev. Rod Campbell, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and West Union Baptist Church officiating. Vocal selections of "In The Garden", "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "Beyond The Sunset" will be sung. Graveside services with military honors will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday at the Hazel Grove Cemetery near Herndon, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Sympathy condolences for the family may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.