



Walter J. Barnum

March 19, 2006

Walter J. Barnum, age 85, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2006, at National Health Center in Joplin, Missouri. He was born June 8, 1920, in Commerce, Oklahoma, the son of Walter J. Sr. and Bertha McInturff Barnum.

He was united in marriage on August 14, 1982, with Marguerite B. Crabtree who preceded him in death on October 25, 2000.

Walter was of the Methodist faith and served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1945. He was a member of the American Legion in Kansas City, Missouri and enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by four sons, Michael Barnum of Galena, Kansas, Gary Barnum and wife Jeanie of Riverton, Kansas, Alan Barnum of Joplin, Missouri, and Dennis Barnum and wife Anna of Joplin, Missouri; one daughter, Joyce Wentworth and husband Terry of Wichita, Kansas; one step-son, Don DeGraffenreid of Higginsville, Missouri; one sister, Betty McKee of Tulsa, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Forest Wentworth and Annette Wentworth both of Wichita, Kansas, Krista Dardenne and husband Dustin of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and Joshua Barnum of Joplin, Missouri; three great-grandchildren, Sara Wentworth of Wichita, Kansas, and Douglas and Michael Dardenne both of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and many other relatives and friends. In addition to

his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one step-son Larry DeGraffenreid.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2006, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Versailles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association. To send sympathy e-mails to the family, visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.