



Wesley N. Brewer

November 14, 2010

Wesley N. Brewer, age 95, of Versailles, passed away November 14, 2010, at the Golden Age Living Center in Stover, Missouri, 2 days before his 66th wedding anniversary. He was born on November 2, 1915, in Willmathsville, Missouri, to the late Orlando and Beulah Blanche Rummerfield Brewer. On November 16, 1944, in Hayward, California, he was united in marriage to LaVern Keune, who survives of the home.

Wesley left home at the age of 17 and went to Iowa where he worked on farms, and told of how he hand-picked 100 bushels of corn per day. He then moved to St Louis where he worked in road construction and house moving. In 1941, he enlisted in the Navy CB's. He was a heavy equipment operator building airstrips on islands in the Pacific during WWII. He defied death several times, facing live machine gun fire during WWII, after a severe motorcycle accident in 1980, and heart attacks in later years.

After Wesley's discharge in 1945, at the end of WWII from the Navy, he and LaVern moved to north Missouri where he row-cropped and raised cattle for many years. He was an active member of the Gideon's, and of his church. He was a long-time supporter of the Kirksville Bible School. In 1995, they moved to Versailles, where he helped his son and daughter-in-law at the 52 Diner until 2000.

He attended the Bethel Mennonite Church.

Wesley will be remembered for his years of riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycles, his love of God, wit and humor, pleasant nature and willingness

to help others, and enjoying his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Wesley is survived by his son, Wayne Brewer and wife, Jacquie of Versailles; 3 grandchildren, Chris Brewer and wife Kristi of Sedalia, Betsy Nichols and husband Jason of Centralia, and Jeff Brewer of Kirksville; 4 step-grandchildren, Tony Stephens and wife, Missy of Versailles, Brent Stephens and wife Emily of Carlsbad, CA, Lori Mott and husband Kevin of Honolulu, HI, and Jodi Stephens of Columbia; 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter; 1 sister, Dorothy Smith of Kirksville, 1 brother Herschel Brewer and wife Maxine of Baring, and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by, 2 sisters: Hilda Beeman and Edith Christman and 1 brother Stanley Brewer.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bethel Mennonite Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.