



Wilbur E. Stuerke

April 12, 2008

Wilbur E. Stuerke, age 83, of Laurie, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2008, at the Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born February 4, 1925, in Mt. Leonard, Missouri, the son of the late Edward and May Ehlers Stuerke. .

He was united in marriage on January 9, 1949, in Kansas City, Missouri, with Marilyn Garrison who survives of the home.

Wilbur was a United States Navy veteran. He was a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624 in Sunrise Beach, and was a charter member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie. He was confirmed at the Higginsville Lutheran Church. He enjoyed life with his family and friends, and enjoyed residing in the winter at Alamo Palms, in Alamo, Texas.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Stephen E. Stuerke and wife Janice of Lexington, South Carolina and Scot E. Stuerke and wife Jennifer of Lee's Summit, Missouri; one daughter, Vicki L. Strickland and husband Monte of Winder, Georgia; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother Elmer Stuerke and wife Bethany of Higginsville, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, one daughter, Susan L. Wissman, and one granddaughter, Kelley Neville, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Laurie with Dr. Jim Sutherlin officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Interment with full military honors will be held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, Missouri. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kelley Neville Memorial Scholarship Fund. To send online condolences to the family visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.