



## William "Bill" S. Waddell

May 17, 2007

William "Bill" S. Waddell, Sr., age 85, of Independence, Missouri, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2007, at Truman Medical Center Lakewood in Kansas City, Missouri. Bill was born January 30, 1922, in Versailles, the son of Joseph Honest and Nannie Chapman Waddell. He lived in, and attended schools in Versailles, graduating from high school in 1938. On September 4, 1943, he married Avis Bellamy who survives of the home.

Bill was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving with the 308th Bomb Group of the 14th Air Force in China. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. During the Korean War he was on active duty for two years at Shepard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

After World War II, he enrolled at the University of Missouri in Columbia, graduating in July 1948. He was employed September 16, 1948, by Continental Oil Company, now Conoco-Phillips, and remained employed by Conoco until he retired May 31, 1984. During those almost 36 years, Bill and his family lived in several interesting and exciting places, making life-long friends in each.

Bill was a member of the Lee's Summit Rotary Club for many years, the VFW Post #8640 in Raytown, was an Alumni of UMMC, and served as volunteer at Truman Medical Center Lakewood for several years. He was an Elder and member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Independence.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by one son, William S. Waddell, Jr., and his wife Linda of Rochester, New York; one daughter, Suzi Waddell Layden

and husband John of Lake Ozark, Missouri; a younger brother, John Waddell of Kansas City, Missouri; three grandchildren, Simah and Ethan Waddell and Jay Layden; and many nephews, nieces and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his older brother, George, who was killed in a Japanese prison camp during World War II.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Independence, 1400 W. Sheley Road 64052. A second funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Interment will be held in the Versailles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Trinity Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, or Habitat for Humanity, 121 Habitat St., Americus, GA 31709-3499. To send online condolences to the family visit [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.