

Fred F. Kilmer, 81

Fred F. Kilmer, age 81, of Kirksville, Mo., passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at the Kirksville Manor Care Center in Kirksville, Mo.

The son of Amos and Margaret (Stevens) Kilmer, Fred was born Aug. 16, 1926, in Brooklyn. On Aug. 4, 1948, in Clinton, he was united in marriage to Gladys Mae Freeborn, who preceded him in death on April 24, 2008.

Also preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Harry L. Kilmer. Fred is survived by one son, Craig Alan Kilmer and his wife, Carol, of Kirksville, Mo.; three daughters, Rhonda Cunningham and her husband, David, of Kirksville, Mo.; Rhenee Lynn Fadling and her husband, Russ, of Pierce, Neb., and Judith Cook and her husband, Tom, of Glendale, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Chad Kilmer, Michelle Kilmer Young, Darcy Kilmer Gashwiler, Calvin Kilmer, Caitlin Kilmer and Jessie Stewart.

Fred was reared in Poweshiek County, where he attended school in Brooklyn, graduating from high school. After high school, he served in the United States Army from March 1947 to September 1948. He farmed in Deep River, before moving to Cedar Rapids, where he worked for Collins Radio and did construction work. Fred and Gladys then moved to Morrison, Colo., where Fred worked at Martin Marietta, Celebrity Homes, the Boetcher Company, and he owned Kilmer Construction Company. After he retired, they moved to Kirksville, Mo., where he did construction and farmed. Fred was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Moila Temple, and the El Kadir Shrine Club where he was a member of the Hillbillies. He also was a member of the Elk Lodge and the Kirksville Country Club.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, at the Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Northcutt officiating. Following the service, a military service was conducted by the V.F.W. Post #2508, D.A.V. Post #48, and MacDougall-Lowe Post #20, American Legion.

Honorary pallbearers were the El Kadir Shriners.

Those who wish to express their sympathy in the form of a contribution can do so to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital or Hospice of Northeast Missouri. Contributions may be sent to the Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home, 2100 E. Shepherd Ave., Kirksville, MO 63501.

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