

Francis Anthony, 86, Newton

Francis Anthony, 86, of Newton passed away June 24, 2006. Funeral services were held June 27, at the Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton. Burial was held at Palo Alto Cemetery at rural Newton. Memorials can be given to Hospice of Jasper County.

Francis was born March 18, 1920, to Lewis and Mattie (Raines) Anthony. He attended Newton Schools.

Francis married Wanda Van Der Kamp on Feb. 2, 1946, in Atchison, Kansas. Francis worked 19 years for the water works departments, plant attendant for city of Newton, Maytag Company from 1969 until 1985.

He served his country with the US

Army T/5/4 Armoured Division 899th heavy automotive maintenance during World War II.

Francis is survived by son: Michael Anthony of Cabot, Arkansas, Steven (Laurie) Anthony of Newton, and Eugene (Laurie) Anthony of Newton; and a daughter, Constance (Kenneth) Anthony Reames of Johnson; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; three step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Wanda; a daughter, Marjorie Anthony Lewis; six sisters: Ollie, Ila, Ella, Merle, Fern and Mattie; six brothers: Hershel, Lewis, Robert Eugene, and George, John and Robert in infancy.