James Griggs

James Rolland Griggs, 74, of Columbia, Mo., died Aug. 10, 2007, at Golumbia Regional Hospital.

A service was conducted by the Rev. John Fussner Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Nilson Funeral Home in Columbia.

He was born Jan. 30, 1933, to James Rolland and Myrtle Calvert Griggs in Sturgeon, Mo. He was married to Janet Elhard on April 24, 1960, in Knoxville, Iowa. He served as a corporal in the United States Army as a core engineer for eight years. He received the Korean Service, United Nations and National Defense Medals. Following his service he became a self-employed painter

He is survived by his wife Janet of Columbia; five sons, Glen Foerster of Searsboro, Garry Foerster and Terry Foerster of Columbia, Mo., and Neil Griggs and James Griggs Jr., both of Grinnell; three daughters, Ann Griggs of Springfield, Mo., Carmen Swatosh of Joplin, Mo., and Deborah Foerster Cartersville, Mo.; two brothers Herbert Griggs of Columbia, Mo., and Tommy Foerster of Lebanon, Mo.; one sister, Margie Meyers, of Cadiz, Ky.; eight grandchildren from Grinnell and two grandchildren from Bloomfield, Iowa, and 22 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and one sister.