

**J.D. Cantrell**, 90, a retired Army Corp of Engineer, Construction Consultant and cattleman passed away in his home Thursday, July 22, 2010.

He is survived by three children, Jerry Cantrell and wife Pamela, Branson, MO; Larry Cantrell and wife Sylvia Maxine, Knob Noster, MO and Vicki Rice and husband Allen, Golden City, MO; his daughter-in law Ginger Cantrell, Branson, MO along with 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Frances Earlene Cantrell, his wife, Gene Cantrell, his son, Terry Cantrell Stevenson, his granddaughter and Samantha Thompson, his great-granddaughter, all preceded him in death.

**J.D.** was born August 14, 1919 to Joseph Ernest and Mary Ann (Pickens) Cantrell in Wolfe City, in Hunt County, Texas, a country boy of a loving close knit family of 7 children, 5 girls and 2 boys. His brother James lovingly known to everyone as simply "brother" survives.

After attending school and graduating from Denison, TX and rough necking for awhile in the oil fields, this six-foot tall Texan known by his co-workers as "Hoss" married Frances Earlene Ramsey on January 6, 1940 in Denison, TX. He signed on with the Corp at the Denison Dam. **J.D.** served in the Army during World War II, inspected projects like Clearwater Dam and Outlet Works and the Little Rock Air Force Base. He supervised construction of several Midwestern hydroelectric projects including Bull Shoals and Table Rock Dams and Powerhouses. On his last two government projects, Beaver Dam, AR for the Army Corp of Engineers and Amistad Dam for the International Boundary and Water Commission, he was resident engineer.

After 30 years with the Corp, **J.D.** and Earlene retired to Golden City, MO. Within two short years he returned to powerhouse work now with Guy F. Atkinson Co. working on Truman Dam as quality control manager and liaison. He then retired after 10 years; all the while they had maintained their home in Golden City. Many times after retiring, he was called upon for his expertise and knowledge for projects throughout the United States and he and Earlene continued to travel across the country but always returning to their home in Missouri.

Upon retiring **J.D.** became active in the community, Deacon of the First Baptist Church, was a member of the Lion's Club, 32nd Degree Mason and served as Mayor of Golden City.

**J.D.** and Earlene loved their family and times spent with their grandchildren visiting "The Big House." **J.D.** loved gardening, bird watching, raising cattle and was always a fan of Cardinal baseball and Cowboys football. His most valued times were spent with his family. **J.D.** was an avid domino and spades player and would challenge everyone to a friendly yet very competitive game. He loved a challenge. He was endowed with a great spirit and outlook on life and could always be relied on to encourage others. He never met a stranger and was a true friend to those that called him friend. He was loved and will be missed by many.

In Memory of

## J. D. CANTRELL

BORN

August 14, 1919

Wolfe City, Texas

Age: 90 years 11 Months 8 days

DIED

July 22, 2010

Golden City, MO

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, July 26, 2010 10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church—Golden City, MO

### OFFICIATING

Pastor Tom Welch

### MUSIC

Linda Welch, Soloist Lenora Moody, Organist

### CASKET BEARERS

Grandsons: Jarrett Cantrell Jamie Cantrell Sean Cantrell

David Cantrell, Kevin Cantrell, Austin Rice,

Cody Rice, Jacob Stevenson

### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Granddaughters: Kristan Thompson, Aimee Cantrell, Ciara Rice

### INTERMENT

I.O.O.F. Cemetery —Golden City, MO

Memorial-

Golden City First Baptist Church and St. Jude's Research Hospital  
in care of the funeral home.

Pugh Funeral Home P.O. Box 145—400 Chestnut St. Golden City, Mo 64748 (417) 537-4412