

# J. Marion Elswick

Veteran Lamar civic leader was 70

LAMAR — Joseph Marion Elswick, 70, Lamar, a widely known civic and business leader, died at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Regional Medical Center, Joplin. He had been ill three weeks.

Born March 15, 1923, at St. Joseph, he resided the last 45 years in Barton County.

For many years he managed a Lamar service station. Later he was employed until retirement at Thorco Mfg. Co.

A member of the Lamar United Methodist Church, he served nearly 29 years as a Lamar city councilman, including some 20 years as chairman of the council's street committee.

Credited with being the driving force behind many community im-

provements, he was a member of the advisory committee which helped developed the Thiebaud Auditorium.

He was married March 22, 1944, at Guymon, Okla., to Norma Gene Landreth. She died June 21, 1993.

Surviving are two sons Lonnie Elswick, Little Rock, Ark., and Chris Elswick, Lamar; a sister Marilyn Chaney, Harrisonville; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Daniel Funeral Home. The Rev. Keith Lee will officiate. Burial will be in Lamar Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends at 7-8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.