

JAMES B. ESRY WAS BORN TO MAMIE OZELLA PRUET ESRY AND CLATUS FLERY ESRY, ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1924 IN EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO. HE PASSED AWAY AT 9:14AM ON JANUARY 22, 2002 AT THE VETERANS HOSPITAL IN KANSAS CITY, MO. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS, TWO SISTERS, EULA MAE AND LOETTA SMITH, THREE BROTHERS, HARRY, THOMAS AND ARCHIE ESRY.

LEFT TO MOURN HIS PASSING ARE HIS SURVIVORS, HIS WIFE, EVELYN OF THE HOME AND THREE SONS, GARY ESRY AND HIS WIFE, NANCY, KENT ESRY AND HIS WIFE CONNIE AND MARK ESRY, ALL OF EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO., TWO DAUGHTERS, CINDY ESRY OF CARTHAGE, MO. AND WENDY DAVIS AND HER HUSBAND, CHRIS OF EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO., ONE BROTHER, CHESTER ESRY OF WALTERBORO, SC, TWO SISTERS IN-LAW, EVELYN ESRY OF SUNNYVALE, CA. AND ANN SCHAAF OF BOLIVAR, MO., ONE BROTHER IN-LAW, JIM CHISM OF MOUNDVILLE, MO., FOURTEEN GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. JIM ALSO LEAVES A HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

JIM GREW UP JUST SOUTH OF EL DORADO SPRINGS, ATTENDING PLEASANT RIDGE SCHOOL AS A CHILD. IN 1944, HE ANSWERED HIS CALL TO HIS COUNTRY AND JOINED THE UNITED STATES NAVY SERVING DURING WAR TIME ON THE USS HORNET IN GUAM. RETURNING HOME TO HIS HOME TOWN HE RETURNED TO THE FARM LIFE HE SO DEARLY LOVED. ON MARCH 26, 1955, HE MARRIED EVELYN CHISM AND TO THIS UNION WERE BORN THE FIVE CHILDREN MENTIONED ABOVE. TOGETHER, JIM AND EVELYN BUILT THE ESRY SALE BARN JUST SOUTH OF TOWN AND OPERATED THE BUSINESS FROM 1960 TO 1979. JIM WAS MANY THINGS, A CATTLEMAN, TRUCKER AND A FARMER. AS JIM GREW OLDER HE OPERATED ESRY'S FEED STORE AND NEVER FELT HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO RETIRE. HE LOVED CUTTING WOOD AND WORKING IN THE GARDEN. JIM ENJOYED HIS LIFE AND HIS SOFT CHUCKLE AND WRY SENSE OF HUMOR WILL BE MISSED. HIS DECLINING HEALTH FORCED HIM TO SLOW DOWN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT HE FOUGHT A VALIANT BATTLE TO THE END.

JAMES B. ESRY

September 13, 1924

January 22, 2002

Services
Friday, January 25 at 1 PM
Sheldon Chapel

Minister
Rev. Brent Bland

Music
"Going Home"
"One Day At A Time"
Faith Trussell, Soloist

Casketbearers

Bert McFadden
Bob Gariss
Albert Venter

Bill McDowell
Herb Daniels
John Estry

Military Services
Stockton VFW Post #5525

Interment
Lindley Prairie Cemetery
Stockton, Missouri

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Arrangements By:
Sheldon Funeral Home
El Dorado Springs, Missouri