

Forest Don Johnston, age 95, of Golden City, Missouri, died Monday, March 28, 2016 at Good Shepherd Nursing Center, Lockwood, Missouri.

Don was born March 3, 1921 in Adair, Oklahoma to Audie Ray and Allie Mae (Madole) Johnston. In 1933 at the age of 12, he and his family moved to Barton County, Missouri where he lived out the rest of his life. He served his country in the United States Army, during World War II, stationed in Germany as a Radio Interceptor Operator. Don was in five campaigns and received five bronze stars, good conduct medal and a meritorious service wreath. On December 21, 1946 he married Alberta Medlin, who preceded him in death in 1985. He was a Southern Baptist and enjoyed his lifelong work of being a crop and cattle farmer. Don had been a member of VFW as well as playing his fiddle with groups like Echo of the Ozarks, Silver Tones, and with the Johnston Brothers at the Lamar Free Fair for over 50 years.

Don is survived by one son, Terry (LaWalta) Johnston, Lamar; one daughter, Linda (Jerry) Sherron, Golden City; two brothers, Gailand (Evelyn) Johnston, Lamar and Gary (Lynn) Johnston, Nevada; three sisters, Maxine Francis, Lamar, Thelma (Roy) Lehman, Lamar, and Connie (Bud) Taylor, Kearney, Missouri; two grandchildren, Terry (Kim) Johnston Jr. and Allen (Rhonda) Singer; two great grandchildren, Elizabeth Johnston and Gracee Singer; one great-great granddaughter, Aurora; many nieces and nephews and a large extended family.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife Alberta; an infant son, Ronnie Don Johnston; two brothers, Bud & Dean Johnston; a brother-in-law, Rex Francis and a sister-in-law, Wanda (Hampton) Johnston, and longtime music friend, Retha.

IN MEMORY OF

Don Johnston

March 3, 1921 - March 28, 2016

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2016

Daniel Funeral Home Chapel

OFFICIATING

Norman Heiskell - George Haag

MUSIC SELECTIONS

"I'll Fly Away" - "Amazing Grace"

Vocalist: Patty Batcheler

Musicians: Beau, Tad & Larry Johnston

PALLBEARERS

Gailand Ray Johnston - Beau Johnston - Tad Johnston

Wayne Johnston - Darrel Johnston - Larry Johnston

Joe Francis - Jerald Lehman - Allen Lehman

MILITARY HONORS

Missouri Honor Guard Bravo Team

Lamar VFW Post #3691

Patriot Guard Riders

INTERMENT

Lake Cemetery

Lamar, Missouri