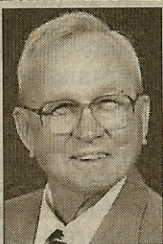


Vernon Lesley Ring

Vernon Lesley Ring passed away at his rural home in Liberal, Mo., on Feb. 14, 2006, after a long illness.

He was born in Medford, Okla., June 29, 1924, to Roy Thomas and Fern Feese Ring.



He moved to the Liberal area in 1942, marrying Violet Sprouls in Lamar, Mo., on Sept. 10, 1944. Vernon became a baptized believer and joined the First Baptist Church in Lamar in 1943. He was a mechanic and farmer and then worked for Hydro-Line in Pittsburg, Kan., as a water line superintendent, laying water lines in Kansas and Nebraska. In his retirement years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and raising cattle.

Those who will mourn his passing are his wife, Violet, of 61 years of marriage; two sons and one daughter, Gary and Judy Ring, of Granby, Mo., Tim and Marsha Ring, of Liberal, and Joy and Neil Westervelt, of Iola, Kan.; one foster son, Robert Wallace, of Pittsburg; 11 grandchildren; five foster grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; three special sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law, Shirley and Tom Cook, Vera Caruthers and LaVerne Sprouls, of Lamar; as well as several nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, three sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at First Baptist Church in Lamar. Burial will be in Nashville Cemetery near Liberal. Family will receive friends immediately after services at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund in Lamar.

Arrangements are under the direction of Konantz-Warden Funeral Home in Lamar.