

Marvin Lee VanGilder

Marvin Lee VanGilder, 83, Carthage, teacher, journalist and clergyman, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2010, at Carthage Health and Rehab Center with his family by his bedside. He was born Sept. 24, 1926, in Lamar, the son of J.T. VanGilder and Opal (Reiley) VanGilder.

Marvin received his early education from Lamar Public Schools and then transferred to Rose Branch School, southwest of Lamar. He attended high school at Lamar and Stockton before graduating as co-valedictorian with the "Class of 1944" in El Dorado Springs.

Marvin Lee VanGilder married Edna Irene Smith on Oct. 15, 1950, in Seymour.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Charles VanGilder and Jerry VanGilder.

Survivors include his wife, Irene - Carthage; four daughters - Paula (Kevin) Kaplan, Snohomish, WA, Linda England (Larry) Munson - Everett, WA, Leesa (Mark) Robinson - Carthage, Carla (Craig) Dunlop - Sidney, Australia; a son, Chris (Stephanie) VanGilder - Arkansas City, KS; one brother, Lloyd (Mary) VanGilder - Lamar; two sister-in-laws, Wanda VanGilder - Carthage and Dorothy VanGilder - Carthage; nine grandchildren - Stephanie, Courtney, Brett, Micah, Hannah, Kelsey, Reiley, Alicia

and J.T.; two great-grandchildren, Kadence and Bailey.

Services were held Friday, July 16, at Fairview Christian Church, Carthage, with Rev. Bill Sutter officiating. Burial under the direction of Knell Mortuary, followed in Oakton Cemetery northwest of Jasper.

Memorial gifts are suggested to the Marvin VanGilder Memorial Fund in care of the Bank of Carthage or Knell Mortuary, 308 W. Chestnut, Carthage, MO 64836.

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