

**Melvin E. Wagoner** was born December 29, 1924 , 1 mile east, 3/4 mile south of Golden City, Missouri to Ernest and Myrtle Sides Wagoner. He died Sunday evening, November 7, 1999 about 6:00 pm in a field 5 miles southeast of Golden City. **Melvin** was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Moine. He shared 74 years, 10 months and 8 days with us.

**Melvin** married Lois N. Crockett on February 17, 1946 in Sarcoux, Missouri. They farmed with his folks until his father, Ernest died in March, 1947. In November, 1948 **Melvin** and Lois bought an oil truck and started into the oil business, renting tanks from Ray Fagerberg. In March, 1959 they bought Fagerberg out and started operating the station as well. His mechanic was Harold Hutton and Robert Crockett operated the oil truck. **Melvin** will be remembered for many things like his long hours in his garage welding and pounding out 55 gallon barrels, making 100 gallon tanks and stands for fuel oil customers in addition to spending many hours at the station serving the public in many ways.

**Melvin** loved music and sang all of his life. During his high school years there was a lack of singers for funerals. Mr. Williams, the music teacher, assigned **Melvin**, Robert Crockett, Lois Crockett and Dolly Mammen to help out by singing. Later came the Male Quartet-Byron Tyler, **Melvin**, Olin West and Robert Townley - with Lois Wagoner and Shirley Townley accompanying the group which sang for 30 years.

**Melvin** joined the Methodist Church in Golden City in 1936 and was faithful to death serving in the capacities of Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, Secretary, Trustee, serving on the Pastoral Relations Committee as Chairman, and singing in the choir.

**Melvin** is survived by Lois, his wife of 53 years, his son Leonard and his wife, Brenda from Carthage, Missouri, his sister, Ruth Myers and her husband, Melvin from Springfield, Missouri, his grandson, Chad and his wife, Jennifer and his granddaughter, Kara. Both of his grandchildren are in college. Many other relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers and customers will remember this fine man.

**Melvin's** last words to Harold Brueggeman were "We got the harvest done and wheat sowed, now I don't know what I'm going to do." But he went to the south of town, not to play golf, but to mow down milo stalks getting it ready for crops next spring. This was a hobby for him to try to farm to the best of his ability.

IN MEMORY OF

**MELVIN ERNEST WAGONER**

BORN

**December 29, 1924**

**Dade County, MO**

**Age: 74 Years 10 Months 8 Days**

DIED

**November 7, 1999**

**Dade County, MO**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Thursday, November 11, 1999 2:00 p.m.**

**United Methodist Church**

**Golden City, Missouri**

OFFICIATING

**Rev. Charles B. Robinson**

MUSIC

**Shirley Townley, Organist**

INTERMENT

**Private Burial held Prior to Service**

**Pugh Funeral Home**

**400 Chestnut, P.O. Box 145 Golden City, MO 64748**

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