

OBITUARY

Cecil James "C.J." Blythe, Jr., age 78, died at his home in Uniontown, Kansas, on September 28, 2001. He was born November 3, 1922, in Fort Scott, Kansas, the son of Cecil James and Mabel L. Fender Blythe. He married Ada B. Hunter on June 20, 1948, in Camdenton, Missouri. She preceded him in death on December 12, 1991.

C. J. graduated from Liberal High School in 1940. He enlisted in the Army Air Force on December 13, 1943, and served during World War II in the Army Air Corp. He was a First Lt. Fighter Pilot in the Phillipine Islands until January 10, 1947.

After the war, he graduated from the University of Missouri, with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. C. J. worked for Texaco Oil for five years in Texas, then for Spencer Chemical Company in Kansas City, Missouri until they were purchased by the Gulf Oil Corporation, and he was transferred back to Texas as Manager of Maintenance and Engineering. He retired in 1983, as Production Manager of Gulf's Chemical Plant in Baytown, Texas.

Survivors include Julia Blythe, of the home; C. J. and Ada's three children, Col. Michael J. Blythe, and wife, Carol, serving in Singapore; Dr. Stephen L. Blythe, and wife Constance, Indialantic, Florida, and Kimberly Ann Murgola, and husband, Joseph, Brenham, Texas. Also surviving are five grandchildren and a sister, Doris Hemmingway, Topeka, Kansas. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Second Lt. Lloyd G. Blythe, killed during World War II on December 30, 1942, and Seaman First Class, Clifford J. Blythe, lost on the U.S.S. Chicago during World War II on January 30, 1942.

Memorials are suggested to the Liberal Public Library.

Cecil James Blythe Jr.

DATE OF BIRTH

November 3, 1922

DATE OF DEATH

September 28, 2001

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICE

Graveside

12:00 p.m., Thursday, October 4, 2001

OFFICIATING

Rev. Bob Dickey
Liberal, Missouri

MUSIC

"Why Me Lord"
by Bud Blythe

CASKETBEARERS

Family Members

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Liberal Cemetery
Liberal, Missouri

Services Entrusted To
Cheneq Witt Memorial Chapel
Fort Scott, Kansas