Rex L. Francis, age 82, of Lamar, passed away at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at Barton County

Memorial Hospital.

Rex was born October 14, 1919, in Lockwood, Missouri, son of Harry Lee and Ina Allene (McCubbin) Francis. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II and was awarded an Air Medal, a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He was a life member of both Lamar V.F.W. Post 3691 and Disabled American Veterans.. He had lived in Barton County for the past 40 years working as a carpenter, farmer and stockman. He was a charter member of the Missouri Draft Horse and Mule Association. He was a member of Lamar Masonic Lodge #292 and was Past Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, Mount Hope Chapter #74. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Lamar.

On December 24, 1945, in Lamar, Missouri, he married Maxine Johnston who survives of the home.

Additional survivors include a son and daughter-inlaw, Joe and Lori Francis, Lamar; a daughter and son-inlaw, Jill and Marshal Jenkins, Lamar; a sister, Maxine Stilabower, Lamar; four grandchildren, Hannah and Lindsay Francis and Tisha and Brian Jenkins. He was preceded in death by a sister, Naomi Dossett.

MASONIC RITES

6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002 Daniel Funeral Home Lamar Masonic Lodge 292

IN MEMORY OF

Rex L. Francis

October 14, 1919 March 6, 2002

FUNERAL SERVICE

2 p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2002 Daniel Funeral Home

OFFICIATING

Rev. Ken Roller and Rev. Rob Hodson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Lorraine Vice, Organist

PALLBEARERS

Mike McCluey Dean Owen Ed Patterson Wayne Patterson John Weber Henry Taffner

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Bob Reno Mike Buchanan Wade Morey James Wingert Charles Wingert ABC Sunday School Class

> AT REST Memory Gardens

GRAVESIDE MILITARY HONORS Lamar V.F.W. Post 3691