



Richard Joyce Lee, age 81, of Lamar, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2008 at Barton County Memorial Hospital.

Richard was born February 28, 1927, in Lamar, to Howard and Lottie (Stockdale) Lee. After graduating from Lamar High School in 1945, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. On June 19, 1948, in Bentonville, Arkansas, he married Zoe "Smitty" Smith and they have been long-time, active residents of Barton County.

Richard worked in the communications field for over 35 years, retiring from Southwestern Bell in 1984. He was devoted to his family and his community. Many will fondly remember December outings to cut a fresh Christmas tree from the family business, "Lee's Trees." Richard had been a member of Lamar First Baptist Church more than 70 years. He was instrumental in developing the Consolidated Public Water Supply District #1 which provides water to rural Barton County. Richard was dedicated to the Red Cross Bloodmobile, donating over 15 gallons of blood for the benefit of others. He and Smitty enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels for the Barton County Senior Center and were members of the Barton County Historical Society. Richard was a past Rotarian, a member of the American Legion, and the Telephone Pioneers. He was a talented stained glass artist who created the beautiful entry panels for the Mary K. Finley Library.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Smitty, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Rich & Susan Lee, Springfield; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kerry & John Divine, Joplin, Kenda & Gary Corcoran, Plymouth, New Hampshire, and Kristy & Don Greer, Independence; two sisters and a brother-in-law, June & Ray Rowland, St. Joseph, Minnesota, and Ruth Anne Erwin, Granbury, Texas; seven grandchildren, Rich & Grace Lee, Tresa & Bradon Massey, Seth Divine, Cara & Aaron Rose, Kellee Divine, Kendra and Kris Greer; two step-grandsons, Sean Corcoran and Ryan & Samatha Corcoran; four great-grandchildren, Joshua, Isaac, Charis, & Micah Lee; a large extended family; and a host of friends.

IN MEMORY OF  
*Richard Lee*  
February 28, 1927      May 3, 2008

### FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2008  
Daniel Funeral Home

### OFFICIATING

Rev. Robb Hodson  
Rev. Kenneth Musgrove

### READINGS

Kendra Greer  
Kris Greer  
Rev. Rich Lee

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Battle Hymn Of The Republic"  
Rev. Rich Lee, Vocalist  
"That's The Glory Of Love"  
Kevin Stewart, Vocalist  
Congregational Hymn  
"God Be With You"  
Led by Rev. Rich Lee  
Carol Reavley, Organist

### PALLBEARERS

Seth Divine    John Divine    Don Greer  
Gary Corcoran    Terry Moore    Aaron Rose    Bradon Massey

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ferne & Elwood Roberts    George & Betty VanDeMark  
Tom & Bettye Gault    Marmo & Ed Patterson  
Mary Kay White    Stephanie Wright    Billie & Steve Desbien  
Rodger & Martha Ramey    Hugh & Fran Nutt  
Linda & Wayne Patterson    Mable Connors    Neil & Norma Robertson

### AT REST

Lake Cemetery  
Flag Presentation, VFW Post #3691