

Raymond Cairl Mills

Raymond Cairl Mills, 84, Lamar, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. at the Barton County Memorial Hospital in Lamar.

Cairl was born January 9, 1924 in Tarkio, Missouri to John Cairl and Nellie Gertrude (Beckley) Mills. At the age of 18, he was drafted into the Army. He served under General George Patton in the engineering division and landed at Normandy Beach where he was injured. After his recovery he rejoined his unit and served until the war ended. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Four Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Award, Bronze Arrowhead, three overseas Service Bars, Rifle Marksman and was entitled to wear the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon. After returning home from the Army Cairl worked at a saw mill. He was a truck driver, mechanic and farmer.

Cairl married Imogene Foster Rice on April 10, 1959 in Lamar, Missouri. He became a father to three step-sons who still survi; Lonnie and Bonnie Rice of Irwin, MO, and Ronald Rice, Donnie and Debbie Rice of Lamar.

Other survivors include one sister, Leona G. Baldwin of Jerico Springs, MO; six step-grandchildren; several step-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Imogene, in January 1997; two brothers, Vaud and Ocie Mills; two sisters, Ella Myers and Esther Mills; two brother-in-laws, Alvin Baldwin and Walter Myers; one sister-in-law, Mary Mills and two nephews, John Baldwin and Charles Mills.

In Memory of

Raymond Cairl Mills

January 9, 1924 ~ January 7, 2009

Services

*Friday ~ January 9, 2009 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Konantz~Warden Funeral Home Chapel
Special Military Services by
Missouri National Guard Juliet Team*

Officiating

Minister Lonnie Pennell

Song Selection

*"Amazing Grace"
"In The Garden"*

Pallbearers

*Travis Lybeck ~ Spencer Lybeck ~ Duane Lybeck
Scott Rice ~ Craig Peoples ~ David Baldwin*

Interment

Lake Cemetery, Lamar, Missouri

*Arrangements Under Direction of
Konantz~Warden Funeral Home, Lamar, Missouri*