

Ernest John Kunkel

October 07, 1920 - August 31, 2015

Ernest John Kunkel, 94, died Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Truman Community Living Center at Harry S. Truman V.A. Hospital in Columbia. He was born October 8, 1920 in Bynumville, Missouri the son of Fidelus and Minnie (Bixenman) Kunkel. He married Berniece Peters on October 30, 1947 in Marceline, MO.

Ernest was a graduate of Chillicothe Business School. He was a veteran of WWII, serving with 91st Infantry Division, 347th Field Artillery Battalion. He served in North Africa and Italy. He spent 14 months in a military hospital in Brigham City, Utah. He was awarded the Purple Heart, a bronze campaign star, Good Conduct and Victory ribbons. Ernest was the Chariton County Circuit Clerk from 1946-62, he was parts manager for Jackson Motors for several years. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Salisbury Knights of Columbus, Cleve Iman Memorial VFW Post, and DAV.

Ernest is survived by his wife Berniece of the home, sons Joseph (Betty) Kunkel of Bowling Green, KY, John Kunkel of Lake Ozark, MO, Christopher (Laurie) Kunkel of Parker, CO, Mitchell Kunkel of Fayette, MO, daughter Mary (Kenny) Fuemmeler of Rocheport, MO, Patricia (Mel) Richey of Louisburg, KS, Holly (Rick) Stuart of Topeka, KS. sister Dorothy (Wilford) Wehner of Lee's Summit, MO, seventeen grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

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