



## James David Wendleton

March 18, 1921 - October 24, 2015

James David "J. D." Wendleton, 94, a longtime resident of Jasper County, died on Saturday, October 24, 2015 in Carthage of injuries from a recent fall. J. D. grew up on a farm in Cooper County, Missouri where he was born on March 18, 1921 to Lon and Grace (Hendrick) Wendleton, the fourth of five children. J. D. was married to Nancy Wolfe of Cooper County on October 7, 1943 in Wildwood, New Jersey before he was deployed to the South Pacific during World War II. He served in the Navy and saw combat as a gunner on Navy planes. When J. D. returned after the war, he finished his education at the University of Missouri with a degree in Agriculture. About 1948, he came to Jasper County where he taught agriculture to veterans. J. D. did custom farming in the area during the 1950s, then worked for 22 years at Atlas Powder Company. He continued his small farming operation until the end. His wife Nancy died in 1988. He is survived by his four children and their families: Karen Jones and husband Chris of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jean Perry and husband John of St. Louis; Kim Wendleton, Susan Dawley and husband Jim of the Carthage area. Grandchildren are Derek Jones, Heather Jones, Laurel Bernard, Travis Perry, Wyatt Perry, Adam Perry, Nathan Dawley, and Cailin Dawley. He also leaves behind nine great-grandchildren, a sister Dorothy Hull of Albuquerque, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage on Friday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a time of visitation at Ulmer's from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to

First Christian Church, 103 Hodge Drive, Carl Junction, 64834, where J. D. attended in his last years. Graveside services will be at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Missouri on Monday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. Online condolences can be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of J.D.'s family at this time. He was Dad's first roommate at U. of MO. He and Dad were witness at Dorothy Ullom's wedding in 1939. The Ullom family were life long friends.  
*Barbara Ullom Wiesner & Dorothy Ullom Edwards*

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**Barbara Ullom Wiesner** - October 27, 2015 at 10:36 PM

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“ We will miss J.D.!! He was SUCH a faithful part of our church family (CCCJ) Praying for comfort for you, his family. Blessings, Tito and Diana

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**Tito and Diana Rojas** - October 27, 2015 at 03:31 PM

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“ Karen Jean and family, So sorry for your loss. It is great that you had him all of those years . God Bless your family at this time.  
*Elmer & Mary Thorn*

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**Elmer Thorn** - October 27, 2015 at 08:57 AM