



Joe Lee Preston

March 6, 1927 - June 8, 2010

Joe Lee Preston, 83 of Joplin, passed away at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2010. He was born on March 6, 1927 in Stockton, MO. Joe was the son of Mel Preston and Gorda "Elliston" Preston. He was a Truck driver, and in Agri-business operating the local grain elevator in Asbury. Joe was in the United States Army during WWII.

Joe married Ota Maybelle "Morlan" Preston on September 17, 1949 in Harrison, AR. She survives. He is also survived by one son Johnny Preston and wife Rhonda of Oronogo, MO; two nieces, Mary Margaret Hudgins, of Fresno CA., and Betty Benson of El Dorado Springs, MO., three grandchildren, Melissa Normile of Ottawa KS., Jennifer Preston of Spokane, MO and Jeremy Preston of Joplin, MO., and five great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by five brothers, George, Elda, John, Roy and Gerald.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 10, 2010 at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, MO. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.