



Joseph "Joe" Henry Cooper

October 28, 1916 - March 11, 2010

Joseph "Joe" Henry Cooper, Jr. 93 left this life for a better one at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2010 at St. Luke's Nursing Center, Carthage. He was born on October 28, 1916 in Milo, Mo. Joe was the son of Joseph Henry and Thursa Cooper. At age fifteen the family moved to Carthage. He graduated from Carthage High school in 1935. Joe was an excellent basketball and baseball player. During World War II he worked at the Jayhawk Ordnance Plant, he also worked at H.E. Williams for six years and for thirty five years in the Shell Department of the Hercules Powder Company and retired on November 1, 1978. He has been a member of the Carthage First United Methodist Church for over 70 years. Joe married Lorene Pingree on October 30, 1937 she preceded him in death in 1985. For the past 13 years he has been married to Eula Mae Gilbreath Radford. They united in marriage on May 17, 1997, she survives. Other survivors include one son Harvey J. Cooper and wife Anne of Springfield, MO; two grand daughters Robin Schudy and husband Dr. Martin Schudy and Angela Cooper of Springfield ; three great grandchildren, Cecila and Anne Marie Schudy and Chandler Cooper all of Springfield, MO ; one step daughter, Marsha Schilb and husband Larry of Overland Park, KS: one step grand daughter, Jennie Neilson of Plano, TX.; one sister in-law Alleen Cooper of Lakewood, CA. and one brother Everett Cooper and wife Dorothy of Carthage.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents; first wife Lorene; two brothers, Roy R. Cooper who died in the Battle of St. Lo in France in World War II, August 6,

1944 and Edgar Lyberger Cooper of Lakewood CA; one sister Miss Bernice Cooper who died in Carthage.

Visitation will be from 1:00-2:30 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church Carthage in the fellowship hall with services following at 2:30 p.m., also at the church. Burial will be in Park Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorial gifts be given to the Carthage First United Methodist Church in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My deepest condolences in the loss of Harv's father. May past memories of great times comfort you at this trying time. Bless you all.*

John Bradley - March 22, 2010 at 07:41 PM

HC

“ *Well Dad all I think of is the wonderful memories we shared as a family, you and mother and me. I know you are having a wonderful reunion in heaven with all our family and friends. Give each a hug and kiss from me and especially to mother. Until later.... I love you.*

Harvey Cooper - March 14, 2010 at 02:57 PM

BS

“ *Harvey and Elizabeth Papa Joe is now standing on the far side banks of Jordan, smiling, hand out reached saying "all is well". Heaven is rejoicing.*

Betty Schudy - March 14, 2010 at 09:16 AM

PB

“ *Joe Cooper must have been a great family man. He will certainly be missed by all of you. Why is it always so difficult to say goodbye. We know that they are in heaven but I guess we also know that we are going to miss seeing them so much that it makes our own life so terribly sad. God bless you all.*

Patti Brown - March 13, 2010 at 11:15 AM

EC

“ I can see Joe working in the yard, mowing the lawn on his riding mower. He loved to keep a neat and tidy yard. His yard was always the nicest one of the block. Joe always told funny jokes and made everyone laugh. Joe loved lemon pie. He was everyones favorite guy. Thank you Joe, for being you and giving so much of yourself. Thank you for being my wonderful father in law. Love you, Anne

Elizabeth Anne Cooper - March 12, 2010 at 08:39 PM