



Melvin W Abbiatti

August 4, 1927 - September 15, 2009

Melvin E. Abbiatti, 82 of Carthage passed away at 6:40 a.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the Sarcoxie Nursing Center. He was born on August 4, 1927 in Fall River, Kansas. He was the son of Francis Abbiatti and Ora "Brewer" Abbiatti. Melvin was in the Merchant Marines. He operated the Carthage Skating Rink for 35 years. Melvin started the Carthage Saddle Club in 1953 and was still very active at the arena. He was in the produce business, the feed business and raised horses and cattle.

Melvin married Beulah Fly on February 18, 1950 in Bentonville, Arkansas. She survives. Other survivors include two sons, Doug Abbiatti of Avilla, MO and Dale Abbiatti of Carthage, two daughters; Teresa Abbiatti Littles of Sarcoxie, MO and Sandra Abbiatti of Bullard, Texas, two brothers; L.D. Abbiatti and wife Betty of Fayetteville, Ark. and Jack Abbiatti and wife Kay of Carthage, two sisters; Lena Stiles and husband Lee of Carthage and Nita Stockton of Carthage, one sister-in-law, Lucille Abbiatti, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great- granddaughter and several nieces and nephews. One grandson, Justin Littles preceded him in death on December 21, 1991 and one brother, Harry Lee Abbiatti.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Carthage Saddle Club Arena at Carthage Municipal Park in Carthage. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. prior to services on Saturday at the arena. Burial will be in Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Research or the American Lung Association in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.