



## Merrill "Bud" Hayslett Wakefield

January 25, 1926 - July 24, 2015

Merrill Hayzlett (Bud) Wakefield, 89, passed away peacefully at home on July 24, 2015. Merrill was born in Carthage, son of J.M. and Millie Wakefield. He graduated from Carthage High School in 1944 and served in the army from August 1944 to June 1946. He served in WWII with the 103rd Infantry Division in France, Germany, and Austria.

Merrill was a machinist at Reed Engineering, then Webb Corporation, from which he retired in 1991. He was a long-time member of the Knights of Pythias. He enjoyed coon and quail hunting, camping, going to the races, and watching Cardinals baseball. He spent many hours after work in his garage helping friends work on their cars. Merrill was preceded in death by his wife Jerene, sisters Dortha Anderson and Faye Wright and many good friends. He is survived by his daughters Sandy Hunt (and Jim), Martha Lambeth (and Eddy), sons Dan Wakefield (and Pat), and Jim Wakefield, by 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren, and 4 nieces. Never critical, always supportive, Merrill was never heard to say an unkind word to anyone. We will miss his dry sense of humor. Thanks to all who visited in Merrill's final days and brought comfort to the family. We would also like to thank Mercy Hospice for their help and compassion. Donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, or Mercy Hospice Joplin. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at Ulmer Funeral Home with Visitation just prior to services from 12:00 to 1:30. Burial will be in Park Cemetery. Online condolences can be made to [www.ulmerfh.co](http://www.ulmerfh.co)

m. Arrangements are under the direction of The Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Jim so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Many prayers for you thru this difficult time.

Randy & Terri Hennis - July 29, 2015 at 05:05 PM

SB

“ Grandpa , you will be dearly missed by your family and friends. I will miss sending you cards and your thank you's for them. Give grandma a hug for us.

scott and kellie boyes - July 29, 2015 at 11:27 AM

MS

“ I only knew Mr. Wakefield through his son Jim. He always had a smile on his face and seemed to genuinely enjoy watching his grandchildren's sporting events. Often if you saw Jim his Dad was with him, they obviously enjoyed each others company. I know he will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences.

Mark Stephenson - July 29, 2015 at 10:58 AM

JH

“ Thanks for all you have done.

Jeff Hunt - July 27, 2015 at 01:37 PM