



Richard Krtek

December 17, 1926 - July 19, 2009

Richard Krtek, a noted Carthage business leader, passed away Sunday morning, July 19, 2009 at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, Mo. after a long illness. Richard was born on December 17, 1926 at Bolivar, MO. he was one of ten children. In 1949 he married Eva J. Polodna, in Bolivar, she survives. The Krtek family moved to Carthage in 1958, where Richard managed Carthage Lumber Company. In 1972, he and Eva opened Krtek Lumber, Inc., which they owned and operated for twenty years. Richard was an active member of the community. He was a member of the St. Ann's Church and a fourth degree Knight in St. Ann's Knights of Columbus men's organization and a former Elk. Richard enjoyed lending his time and talents to the many projects at St. Ann's Church and School. Richard is survived by his wife, Eva; two sons, Michael G. Krtek of Carthage and Richard A. Krtek of rural miller; a brother Bernard Krtek of Bolivar; a sister, Marion Whitney of Laguna Beach, CA; five grand children and five great grand children.