



Clay H. Ross

October 29, 1927 - February 20, 2011

Clay H. Ross was born in Kansas City, Missouri on October 29, 1927. His parents, Clarence and Ellen (Hagelin) Ross moved to Polk County when he was a teenager. Clay attended Flemington High School and worked at Blackwell's store in Rondo. After his first Navy enlistment, he married Betty J. McCraw and settled in Kansas City. Clay had numerous jobs until he found his true calling with the Kansas City Fire Department in 1954. After eleven years with KCFD (five as a captain), he moved to southern California due to a daughter's health. Clay joined the U. S. Navy Fire Department serving in California and on the island of Guam, where he also taught fire science. In 1986, Clay retired as the Fire Chief of the Naval Weapons Station in Concord, California. Clay and Betty then settled on the old Ross homestead near Inlet Village on the Pomme de Terre Lake. Volunteering, fishing, going to National Parks, attending World Fest in Silver Dollar City, along with motorcycle outings, and visiting friends and family were his passions. Clay was preceded in death, by his younger brothers, Richard E. and Robert A. Ross of Flemington and two grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Betty and five daughters, Deborah Ross , Flemington, Linda, Carol and Beverly Ross all of Pleasant Hill, California and Janice Ross-George , Fair Play; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandsons. Services will be at 11:00 AM, Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, with Chaplain James Friend officiating. Military rites will be by Amvets Post #114 Honor Guard. Visitation will be

Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Murray Funeral Home, Humansville.

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