



H. L. Chappell

December 17, 1931 - June 27, 2009

Herbert Lee Bud Chappell, 77, of Bolivar, passed away at 9:45 AM Saturday, June 27, 2009 in Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility at Bolivar. He was born to Charles Garfield and Lucy Ann (Williams) Chappell on the family farm near Halfway in Polk County December 17, 1931, the youngest of nine children. He grew up on the family farm attending a country school near his home and graduating from Halfway High School. On September 26, 1951 he was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Reynolds. They were blessed with two sons, Roger Lee Chappell and Russell Len Chappell. In July 1954 Bud was drafted during the Korean War and served his country by attending MP School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, now known as Camp Gordon, and finishing two years active duty as a guard at the disciplinary barracks there. He then served seven years inactive duty, receiving his honorable discharge in July 1961. Except for his tour of duty and one year in Kansas City, Bud spent his entire life on farms in Polk County, working in Bolivar, retiring from MFA Oil Company where he was store manager of the MFA Tire Company in Bolivar. Being raised as a farm boy stayed with him his entire life and nothing made him happier than working his cattle and riding over his farm land on his horse, Scratch, and later his horse, April, who was born on April 1st and Bud raised him on a bucket after his mother died of milk fever three days later. He was given the name of April Fool, but over the years it was shortened to April. April now 31 years old survives him. His parents, sisters, Wilma and Alma; brothers, Con, Shirl and Charley Chester; and nephew, Stephen Chappell,

preceded him in death. Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Barbara; his sons, Roger and wife, Farilyn, of Bolivar and Russell of Cameron; sisters, June Summers and husband, Gale, and Jewell Hale, all of Springfield; one brother, Ray Chappell and wife, Lorene, Bolivar; a sister-in-law, Helen Chappell, Bolivar; two granddaughters, Lee Ann and Kristen, and one grandson, his joy and namesake, Bud II; one great-granddaughter, Madison; one niece, Leola Smith, Phoenix, Arizona; and four nephews, Charles Chappell and wife, Theresa, Springfield, Stan Chappell and wife, Peggy, Overland Park, KS, James Thuston and wife, Connie, Springfield and Randy Griffin, Peoria, IL. Following his wishes, his body has been cremated under the direction of Murray Funeral Home with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Family memorial services will be held at a later date. Donations in Bud s memory may be made to St. Jude s Children s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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