



Melburn J. Reaves

August 25, 1923 - December 18, 2009

M. J. Reaves, age 86 of Searcy, Arkansas died Friday, December 18, 2009. He was born in Cottonwood Point, Missouri, the son of J.A. and Sarah Jane Davis Reaves.

M.J. and Dorothy lived in Gideon, MO for 42 years before moving to Searcy to be near their family.

He was a US Navy veteran of WWII, a retired farmer and minister for the Church of Christ and was a member of Westside Church of Christ in Searcy. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy Watson Reaves; Daughters, Carol (Larry) Burchfield and Becky (Ralph) Bennett of Searcy; Linda (Robert) Crossett, Bartlett, TN; Daughter-in-law, Pat Reaves, Nashville, TN. Seven grandchildren, Leanne Burchfield Pumphrey (Jeremy), Conway, Chad Burchfield (Heather), Searcy, Matt Reaves (Kelly) and Sarah Reaves, Nashville, TN, Mallory and Marlee Bennett, Searcy, and Juliana Crossett, Bartlett, TN; 5 great grandchildren Michael, Joseph, and Abbey Burchfield, Searcy, and Lauren and Caroline Pumphrey, Conway. 1 sister, Edith Reaves Barnes (Billy), Searcy. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Charles Reaves and an infant grandson. Brothers, Grady, Charles, Vernon and Ralph Reaves and baby sister, Florence Jane Reaves.

A memorial service will be 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 20, 2009 at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Searcy. The family will greet friends following the service.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday December 22, at Bradshaw Funeral

Home in Malden, MO. Visitation will be from 12:00 to 2:00 prior to service.
Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Malden, MO. Memorials may be made to the Searcy or Paragould Children's Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Our love is with all of you. I will never forget "our father".*

December 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time. Love you always! Lori*

December 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. He was a good man that has gone on to his reward. We love you.
James and Devon Stewart
Courtney, Gregory & McKenzie
Andrew & Donna Kimberling*

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“ *So sorry to hear of MJ's passing. We remember visiting with both of you when we lived in Searcy. Our prayers are with you and the family at this time. In Christian Love.*

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