

John Gilliland, Sr., 90

June 4, 1916 - Nov. 13, 2006

HOLT, MO — John L. Gilliland, Sr. was born June 4, 1916, in Stanberry, MO. He lived in the Holt area all his life.

Aug. 8, 1936, John married Lucille A. Stegman. They were married for 70 years. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was past Commander and Chaplain of the American Legion Post 194 in Holt, MO. He was a member of the VFW, Post 5717 in Kearney, MO; Masonic Lodge 506 in Lathrop, MO; and trustee of the First Baptist Church in Holt. He had been a resident of Harlan for the past three years. He died Nov. 13, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 90.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Dolah Gilliland; two sisters, Blondia Ables and Marjory Allen. He is survived by his wife, Lucille; one brother, William E. Gilliland of Jones, OK; his children, Meredith Phillips (Bob) of Kearney, MO; John Gilliland, Jr. of Harlan; Jerry Gilliland (Pat) of Stanton; David Gilliland (Janet) of Altamont, MO; Linda Grady (Mike) of Derby, KS; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Holt, MO. Burial was in Antioch Cemetery. Bailey and Cox Family Funeral Service, Lathrop, MO, in charge of arrangements.