

## Jack Lemons, 82

July 22, 1927 - Dec. 25, 2009

**MINDEN** — James Lemons was born on July 22, 1927 to James W. and Lillian (Barnes) Lemons in Crawford, TN. He attended school in Madison, TN. He worked in construction before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1945. He was with the First Marine Division in communications and served in China. After his discharge from the service in 1949, he returned to Tennessee and met Emily Rodgers.

May 7, 1950, James married Emily in Franklin, KY. Four daughters were born to this union: Patricia, Marcia, Darlene, and Thressa. James worked at the Kusan Toy Factory in Nashville, TN, before driving a truck for an office furniture store. When a delivery took him to Omaha, NE, in 1962, he was offered a job with All Makes in Omaha, he accepted and moved his family to Minden, where his wife's sister lived. He drove trucks until his retirement in 1986. He enjoyed twelve years of retirement with his bride before her death on November 23, 1998. James died on Friday, December 25, 2009, at Alegent Health Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, having attained the age of eighty-two years, five months, and three days.

James was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Emily Lemons, his sister Annie Scott, and brother George Lemons. He is survived by his daughters: Patricia Paulsen of Underwood, Marcia and her husband Steve Ploen of Minden, Jimmie Darlene "Toe" and her husband Lynn Driver of Neola, and Thressa and her husband Randy Petersen of Logan; twelve grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; sister Aileen Ramsey; nieces and nephews; other family members; and friends.

Pastor Brian Wohlhuter conducted the 1:30 PM funeral service on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at the United Church of Christ in Minden. Serving as casket bearers were Sonja Rasmussen, Shaya Zacharias, Sherry Neubaum, Stacey Paulsen, Ryan Petersen, Shelly Paulsen, Shanda Heilig, Troy Petersen, Derek Driver, Chad Driver, Shawn Ploen, and Brad Driver. Interment was held at the Minden Cemetery.



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