



Downs, Donald
Springfield, MO
361st Field Artillery



Donald Downs on August 31, 1920 and died on September 2, 2006 at St. John's Regional Health Center, Springfield, Mo., two days after his 86th birthday.

Don married Lena Mae Yeager on November 28, 1943 in Wheatland and they had two daughters, who survive him, Ruby Sharon Downs of Wildwood, Mo and Rhonda Hughes (and husband Ron) of Lee's Summit.

Following the war, he drove a milk truck in the Humansville area and then moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he was employed at Sheffield Steel in March 1948, then retiring from Armco after 34 years of service in 1982.

He married Lucille (Conway) Brown on March 25, 1967. She preceded him in death on July 2, 1988.

He married Clara (Miller) Stivers on June 29, 1991 in Mt. Vernon, she survives.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wendell Downs (1919-2002); and sister, Rosemary Harms (1923-2005) and a step-son, Gerye Allen Brown (1950-1969) of Mt Vernon. He is also survived by step-children Gayle Brown Cameron and husband Sammy, Mt. Vernon, Eric Stivers, Mt. Vernon, and Mike Stivers and wife Judy, Benton, Ark.; a sister Laura Lee Breshears, Harrisonville, Mo.; step-grandchildren, Melanie Zamora Robbins of Springfield, Maranda Cameron and Katelyn Cameron of Mt Vernon, a step-great-granddaughter, Keiley Grace Cameron of Mt Vernon. A nephew Gary Harms and wife Sherry, Kansas City, Mo.; nieces Carol Jean Pattison and husband Wayne, Independence, Mo., Marilyn Cuthbertson, Independence, Mo., and Patti Harms, Raytown, Mo.; and great-nieces and nephews.

Downsie was laid to rest next to Lucille, in her Conway family plot, Rock Prairie Cemetery, Halltown, Lawrence Co., Mo., following a graveside service on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.