



Francis Fay Sears

December 17, 2008

Francis F. Sears, age 84, of Oppelo, passed away on December 17, 2007. He was born in Gem, Kansas on November 19, 1923 to the late John M. Sears and Lula Jennings Sears. Francis was a WW II Army veteran where he served in the 866th Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Company with the rank of Sergeant, before receiving an Honorable Discharge in February of 1946. He met his wife Evelyn on September 18, 1945 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and were married on December 11, 1945. They then moved to Eudora, Kansas where he attended college before moving to Kansas City, Kansas where he worked for Ford Motor Company for a time before moving to Oppelo, where he farmed, owned several stores, worked for Morrilton School District and eventually spent twenty-three years in the employ of Green Bay Packaging before retiring in 1989.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty-two years, Evelyn Hallett Sears of Oppelo; son, Dr. Darrell Sears and his wife Beth of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, with their three children, Hannah, Jacob, and Sarah; daughter, Sandra and her husband Ron Armstrong of Russellville; her two sons, Rusty Payne and his wife Michelle with their children, Faith and Ryder; Dusty Payne and his wife, Brittany with their children, Gage and Riley; brother, Walt Sears of Garden City, Kansas, and a sister, Ann Deaton of Lamar, Colorado.

Funeral services will be 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 19, at Harris Chapel with Rev. Mike Atkinson officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends 6:00 to 7:00

p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Fay Sears

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ Hi Evelyn and family,

I just read the obituary in the Morrilton Headlight and wanted you to know that many memories came back to me when thinking of school days and Oppelo days. Many years have passed, but we never forget those who were kind to us, and Francis was kind to children.

After graduating Hendrix College, I went on to work in middle Tennessee where I met and married my husband of 40 years. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and we spent 25 years on active duty with his career as an aviation officer. We have two grown children, Kimber and Michael. They are married, and we have been blessed with five grandchildren thus far.

We live in Louisville, Kentucky where Terry now works in the civilian sector as the Senior Policy and Budget Analyst for the University of Louisville. I've only been back to Arkansas once since my dear mother's death five (almost six) years ago.

God's blessings and love during this difficult time.

Julia (Yarbrough) McMahan

June 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM