Henry John Blackford, age 93, of Golden City, passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at Missouri Veterans Home in Mount Vernon.

Henry was born July 12, 1915, in Carthage, Missouri, to Laughlin and Lillie (Ware) Blackford. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and trained to guard the Golden Gate Bridge. In addition to farming and raising livestock near Golden City, Henry had worked in the Jewel Wayne McCall Block Plant in Lamar for 10 years and for Independent Gravel in Carthage for many years. He retired from quarry work in 1985, but continued to farm for nearly 20 more years.

On October 27, 1946, at Columbus, Kansas, Henry married Wanda L. Davis, and she preceded him in death August 4, 2000. He was also preceded in death by a brother Ray Blackford; a sister, Martha Curry; a favorite granddaughter, Kelly Gotcher Forst; and a great-grandson, Adam Forst.

Survivors include two sons, Darrell & wife Peggy Blackford, and John Blackford, all of Lamar; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara & Doug Bevins, El Paso, Texas; a sister Minnie Sargent, Carthage; a grandson, Daniel & wife Sonja Blackford, Galena, Kansas; a grandson-in-law, Michael Forst, Lamar; and four great-grandchildren, Kendall, Katelyn, Wyatt, and Hunter.

IN MEMORY OF Henry Blackford

July 12, 1915 ~ December 24, 2008

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, 2008 Daniel Funeral Home

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jack Slade

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"
"In The Garden"
"Daddy's Hands"

PALLBEARERS

Everett Pitts ~ Doyle Miller Michael Forst – Kendall Gotcher Daniel Blackford ~ David Blackford Corey Pitts

AT REST

Mount Carmel Cemetery

MILITARY RITES

Lamar V.F.W. Post 3691 Juliet Honors Team

APPRECIATION

On behalf of Henry's family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.



